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Numerous bars are tightly packed together in "Aragon Alley" in the Sinjang-dong Shopping Mall outside Osan Air Base, South Korea. "Aragon Alley" has the highest concentration of bars in the area, although there are fewer now than there were a year ago, when the 7th Air Force cracked down on "juicy bars."

Officials: Ghani ahead in second round of Afghan voting

By JOSH SMITH
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — Former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani is leading over former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah in the disputed second round of voting in Afghanistan's presidential election, according to early results announced Monday.

Electoral officials said Ghani was ahead with 56 percent of the votes after coming in second during the first round of voting on April 5 with

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Percentage of votes going to former Foreign Minister Ashraf Ghani, according to election officials. Ghani received 32 percent in the first round.

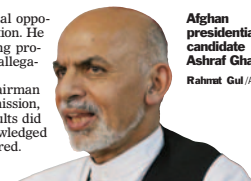
32 percent. His opponent, Abdullah, took 45 percent of the vote in the first poll but fell to about 43 percent in the preliminary results from the second round.

Almost immediately after the second vote took place on June 14, Abdullah began complaining of massive fraud. He accused election commission offi-

cials, local leaders and his political opponents of conspiring to rig the election. He had sought a delay in the counting process until investigations into his allegations were completed.

Ahmad Yousuf Nouristani, chairman of the Independent Election Commission, stressed that the preliminary results did not indicate a winner, and he acknowledged that at least some fraud had occurred.

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Afghan presidential candidate
Ashraf Ghani
Rahmat Gul/AP

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Know your audience: We're talking stoners here. I'd be mean to say they need to get up at 5 a.m. to get in line."

— James Lathrop, owner of Cannabis City, a recreational marijuana shop in Seattle, explaining why he wouldn't open his store until noon on Tuesday, when licensed pot shops will open for business in Washington state

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MIDEAST

US diplomat ejected from Bahrain

By REEM KHALIFA
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain ordered a top U.S. diplomat to leave the country on Monday, the Foreign Ministry said, after he met with a leading Shiite opposition group.

The ministry said in a statement that U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor Tom Malinowski is not welcome in Bahrain. It said he intervened in the country's domestic affairs by holding meetings with some groups at the expense of others.

The statement said that such meetings "segregate" the people

of the nation. His actions, added the statement, "run counter to conventional diplomatic norms."

Bahrain is home to the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet.

Despite the diplomatic spat, the Foreign Ministry statement said relations between Bahrain and the U.S. remain strong and important.

"The government of Bahrain asserts that this should not in any



Malinowski

way affect the two countries' relationship of mutual interests," the statement said.

Malinowski was ordered to leave after meeting with Bahrain's Shiite opposition group, Al Wifaq. He arrived in the country on Sunday and was scheduled to stay for three days, but his visit was cut short by the abrupt order to depart a day early.

He also had meetings scheduled with government officials, as well as leading human rights activist Nabeel Rajab, who was released from prison in late May after serving two years for taking part in illegal protests. Rajab told The Associated Press he did not meet Malinowski.

Bahrain, a tiny island nation off the coast of the Arabian Peninsula, has been roiled by nearly daily protests since early 2011 by Shiites seeking greater political rights. Repeated rounds of political talks have failed to significantly close the rifts between its Sunni monarchy and majority Shiite factions.

Two U.S. officials in Washington confirmed that Malinowski has been ordered to leave but is still there while the logistics of his departure are worked out. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak publicly about the matter.

Voting: Tensions put at risk future plans with US

FROM FRONT PAGE

An audit of nearly 2,000 polling places resulted in a little more than 10,000 votes being invalidated, he said, but that is a small fraction of the more than 1 million that Abdullah had complained about.

It is up to the Electoral Complaints Commission to further investigate allegations of fraud, and those findings will be factored into any final result, Nouristani said.

He said that 8 million voted in the second round, up from the roughly 7 million that were reported to have voted in the first round.

Abdullah came in second to current President Hamid Karzai in the 2009 presidential election, but he bowed out before a runoff, citing fraud and corruption. This time around he has called for a boycott of the election process, but had showed no sign of giving up.

The uncertainty over the election results and the allegations of fraud are threatening to undermine the legitimacy of an election that Western officials had hoped would signal a more stable future for Afghanistan as international combat troops prepare to depart by year's end.

The lingering tensions also risk affecting the future of any international military and economic aid. Plans call for about \$800 U.S.

troops and advisers, and several thousand more from NATO countries, to remain in Afghanistan in 2015. Both presidential candidates have said they will sign an agreement that would keep U.S. advisers in Afghanistan for several more years, but a delay in inaugurating a new president, or any political breakdown, could throw those plans into doubt.

The U.S. State Department issued a statement saying that serious questions of fraud "have yet to be adequately investigated."

"A full and thorough review of all reasonable allegations of irregularities is essential to ensure that the Afghan people have confidence in the integrity of the electoral process and that the new Afghan President is broadly accepted inside and outside Afghanistan," said spokeswoman Jen Psaki. "It is the two electoral Commissions' responsibility to address all credible allegations of fraud. They must implement a thorough audit whether or not the two campaigns agree."

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, visited with both candidates and election officials over the weekend and told reporters on Sunday that any continued U.S. aid would depend on a smooth political transition.

"It would be truly unfortunate if the great progress which has been made in Afghanistan at



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Ahmad Yousef Nouristani, chairman of the Independent Election Commission, speaks during a press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan, on Monday.

the expense of so much Afghan, American and coalition blood and treasure were to be jeopardized by political fighting or a failure of political leadership," he said.

Attacks kill 5 police, 5 children in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan — A rocket fired by insurgents hit a home in northern Afghanistan, killing five children, and gunmen killed five policemen in a separate attack, officials said Monday.

The violence comes as the Taliban have stepped up attacks on Afghan security forces ahead of the expected announcement of results this week from the second round of the country's presidential elections.

The rocket hit a home in the Ali Abad district of the northern province of Kunduz, killing five children and wounding six other civilians, according to Sayed Sarwar Hussaini, spokesman for the provincial police chief.

President Hamid Karzai condemned the attack in a statement issued by his office Monday, saying "the killing of civilians, especially children, is an inhuman act and against Islam."

The other attack came in the western province of Herat, where insurgents attacked a police vehicle, killing the police chief of the Sher Ahmad district and four other policemen, provincial police spokesman Raouf Ahmadi said. Another officer was wounded.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the two attacks.

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PACIFIC

2 Triton drones headed to Guam

BY MATTHEW M. BURKE
Stars and Stripes

The Navy has announced plans to bring the next generation of unmanned maritime surveillance aircraft to Guam, which is already home to the Air Force-operated RQ-4 Global Hawk.

A pair of MQ-4C Tritons will arrive in Guam in mid- to late 2017 for initial operational tests and evaluation, according to program manager Capt. Jim Hoke.

Initial flight testing of the Triton, completed in March, essentially cleared the aircraft to fly at “various altitudes, speeds and weights,” according to a statement from Northrop Grumman, which manufactured the drone. The Triton is similar to the Global Hawk — both have a 130-foot wingspan — but features frame upgrades and de-icing mechanisms as well as 360-degree views at a radius of more than 2,000 nautical miles, all of which make it better equipped to track ships at sea, Navy officials said. The Triton has the capability to fly 24-hour missions and monitor 2 million square miles of ocean at altitudes of more than 10 miles.

Navy officials declined to say



ALAN RADECKI/Courtesy of Northrop Grumman Corp.

A MQ-4C Triton unmanned aircraft system makes its approach for landing March 13 at Palmdale, Calif., marking the conclusion of initial flight testing.

where the unarmed drones fit into the Pacific picture amid ongoing provocations from North Korea and territorial disputes involving China and U.S. allies like Japan and the Philippines.

The drones will work in concert with the manned Boeing P-8A Poseidon, the Navy's submarine-detecting aircraft that operates in the region.

“This change is not related to a specific event or situation,” Navy Pacific Fleet spokesman Cmdr. Steven Curry wrote in a statement to Stars and Stripes. “This is part of the U.S. Navy's long-range plan to maintain the most capable forces forward and supports the U.S. rebalance to the Asia-Pacific.”

The Triton was designed to take maritime surveillance a step

farther than the Global Hawks — mainstays of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — which are used in the Pacific to surveil Chinese military activities and potential North Korean nuclear tests.

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Cmdr. Steven Curry
Navy Pacific Fleet spokesman

other improvements, the Triton was made more maritime friendly with wings toughened to

withstand bird strikes and electronics designed to handle power surges associated with lightning strikes, Navy officials said. The Navy version of the drone will also have stiffer wings to allow diving below 10,000 feet to get a closer look at objects floating on the water's surface.

The Navy's program calls for 68 aircraft to be built, according to Northrop Grumman's website. The drones will also be based in the Middle East and the Mediterranean, as well as in the eastern and western United States, deputy chief of Naval Operations for Information Dominance spokesman Capt. Robert Boyer wrote in a statement to Stars and Stripes.

Boyer said the Navy routinely evaluates assets and makes adjustments when it comes to de-

fense posture in any given region.

“The Triton is expected to act as a continuous source of information to maintain the common operational and tactical picture of the maritime battle space as well as to provide combat information to operational and tactical users (such as the Expeditionary Strike Group, Carrier Strike Group and the Joint Forces Maritime Component Commander),” Boyer said.

In the spring, Australia announced plans to purchase the Triton as well. Facilities and infrastructure to accommodate the drones will be built at Royal Australian Air Force Base Edinburgh, in the South Australian city of Adelaide, for approximately \$140 million.

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S. Korea tempers reaction to Japan's reinterpretation of pacifist law

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SEOUL, South Korea—Concerns over North Korean aggression and a rising Chinese military has led to a tempered South Korean reaction to last week's decision by Japan to expand the role of its military, analysts say.

In a reinterpretation of its post-World War II pacifist constitution, Tokyo reversed a longtime ban on allowing its forces to come to the aid of its allies in combat. While the move has received the support of U.S. lawmakers, many in South Korea — which was brutally colonized by Japan from 1910 to 1945 — view it as a sign of Japanese imperial ambitions.

But in South Korea, where even North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has received higher favorability ratings than Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, the government has reacted with relative restraint to Tokyo's reversal of its ban on collective self-defense.

Bong Youngshik, of the Asan Institute for Policy Studies in Seoul, said the Park Geun-hye administration's seeming lack of a strong response to Japan's decision reflects the complex nature of Tokyo's role in

maintaining security on the peninsula.

On one hand, Seoul worries that Japan's reinterpretation of its pacifist constitution marks a return to its military aggressiveness that could undermine regional stability.

On the other hand, the military alliance between economic powerhouses Japan and the U.S. is critical in deterring and potentially repelling North Korean aggression.

In the face of an increasingly assertive China, South Korea doesn't want to strain its relationship with Washington. For now, Bong said, Park will continue to maintain a measured, wait-and-see stance until it becomes clear how Japan will put its collective self-defense policy into practice.

“There are strategic and political reasons for [Park] to wait,” Bong said. “It'll be, at least for a while, business as usual.”

South Korea's foreign ministry issued a statement last week in response to the change, saying it “will never tolerate any exercise of such right without the ROK's (Republic of Korea) request or consent on matters that can affect the security of the Korean Peninsula or national interests of the ROK.”

It also called on the Japanese government to maintain transparency as it fleshes out the details of its new collective self-de-

“There are strategic and political reasons for [South Korean President Park Geun-hye] to wait.”

Bong Youngshik
Asan Institute for Policy Studies

fense posture.

Still, media reports said South Korean lawmakers pushed the country to take a more vocal stance against Tokyo.

“Japan is walking on a path deviating from what normal countries should do in the 21st century,” National Assembly floor leader Lee One-koo said, according to Yonhap News.

Many South Koreans believe Japan has not fully acknowledged atrocities committed during its occupation of the Korean Peninsula, including its use of “comfort women,” or sex slaves. Other issues that plague the relationship between the East Asian neighbors include dual claims of ownership to the Takeshima/Dokdo islets and portrayals of history in textbooks.

Japan's reinterpretation of its constitution has raised concern, particularly among those in the United States, that Seoul might look to strengthen ties with

Beijing, which was also colonized by Japan and has its own set of historical grievances against Tokyo.

But Yang Uk, a senior research fellow at the Korea Defense and Security Forum, said that while South Korea and China may share similar historical grievances against Japan, finding common ground on security issues is another matter.

Approximately 28,500 U.S. troops are stationed on the peninsula as a deterrent against North Korea, and moving closer to China would threaten the longstanding security alliance between Washington and Seoul.

“The successful U.S.-South Korean alliance is not going to be thrown away overnight,” he said. “The Combined Forces Command is the core of South Korea's security.”

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PACIFIC

'The whole tone ... has changed'

AF: Juicy bar crackdown at Osan keeps human trafficking in check

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SEOUL, South Korea — A year ago protests by bar owners brought the popular Songtan entertainment area outside Osan Air Base to a near-standstill, the 7th Air Force says its efforts to put juicy bars off-limits to U.S. servicemembers have helped dramatically lower the clusters of establishments believed to be involved with prostitution and human trafficking.

However, keeping the so-called "juicy bars" in check requires constant vigilance. For instance, while the number of juicy bars outside Osan Air Base has dropped precipitously in the wake of the 7AF's crackdown on the bars — from a few dozen last year to nine in May — the number of establishments off-limits for suspected human trafficking has held steady at nine since August 2013. One bar was dropped from that list in December, while another was added in April.

Outside the Kusong Air Base, the number of juicy bars has dropped from eight a year ago to five today. Four of those bars are off-limits, and the 8th Fighter Wing is in the process of placing the fifth bar off-limits after it was recently found to be "participating in the selling of companionship," according to the 7AF.

The difference in atmosphere is obvious outside Osan, where juicy bars numbered 44 about a year and a half ago.

"The whole tone outside the (Osan) gate has changed," said 7th Air Force commander Lt. Gen. Jan-Marc Jauss. "I've had many airmen that have just come out and said that in conversation. A lot of them didn't like going outside the gate because of the seediness of the environment, and now that's been turned around."

Recent visits to the Songtan juicy bar district showed that the area has, at least on the surface, noticeably changed. Most of the scantily clad women who used to be seen smoking and waiting for male customers have disappeared, though two female employees in separate bars approached a reporter and asked him to buy them drinks.

Cracking down

The shuttering of the establishments follows a yearslong international effort to link the sale of "juice" — highly priced non-alcoholic drinks that servicemembers buy in exchange for a few minutes

of conversation with a pretty bar girl — to human trafficking.

In 2009, Stars and Stripes first reported that prostitution and indentured servitude were everyday realities at many of these popular hangouts for American soldiers. Bar girls were often enticed from the Philippines to work in the South Korean bars with false promises that they could earn legitimate incomes as singers and entertainers.

The issue received international attention again in December 2013 when CNN aired a report about the link between U.S. servicemembers and South Korean juicy bars as part of a series on modern-day slavery.

Now, the South Korean government says it is beginning its own crackdown on human trafficking through inspections of businesses that employ foreign entertainers, and has inspected bars near at least three U.S. military installations.

Last October, South Korea's Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, or MOGEF, met with representatives from the U.S. and Philippine embassies. Osan officials and military police to discuss "protection measures" for women working on entertainer visas outside USFK installations.

Afterward, the ministry announced that it would increase its oversight of businesses that hire foreign entertainers through checks that include site visits, interviews with workers and business owners and documentation reviews. Four ministries, including the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Employment and Labor, are taking part in the inspections.

Nearly 4,900 foreigners were living in South Korea on entertainer visas as of July 2013. Of those, almost 85 percent were working as tourist or foreigner-only venues, according to the ministry.

South Korea has 265 businesses designated as entertainment venues for foreigners, though it was unclear how many of those are juicy bars that cater solely to the U.S. military community. All of those venues will be subject to inspections, though Hong Hyeonjo, a MOGEF official, said the government does not have the authority to inspect those that are not registered and may be operating illegally.

Accurate picture?

Inspections officially began in March with checks of 16 establishments in Dongducheon,



ARMANDO R. LIMON/Stars and Stripes

A banner advertising space for rent hangs over a shuttered bar in the Sinjang-dong Shopping Mall outside the Osan Air Base main gate on April 6. It was one of several bars that went out of business after the area was placed off-limits for three weeks in June 2013.

some of them near Camp Casey. An undisclosed number of establishments near Kunsan Air Base were inspected in April, ministry officials said.

The ministry said it will not release the results of inspections conducted this year until December of this year or January 2015, in part because the government believes that releasing the results would tip off businesses that have yet to be checked about what inspectors are looking for, a MOGEF official said, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

The official said businesses could then make temporary fixes to pass the checks, including telling their employees what to say during the inspections.

"In that case, accurate inspections could not be done," he said.

Details that have been announced about the checks raise doubts about whether they present an accurate picture of what really happens inside the inspected establishments.

Businesses will be notified before the checks take place. And, inspections will take place during the day, not during the prime nighttime operating hours for juicy bars.

Hong said government employees typically do not work at night and they do not want to disrupt work at any establishments, where owners fear the inspections will harm their business.

"We are not trying to find them doing illegal acts through sudden spot checks," Hong said.

He said owners need time to prepare documentation for inspections about employee pay.

"We believe that those business owners are going to fully cooperate with us because we are trying to protect foreign women workers' human rights," he said.

Interviews will be conducted with female workers outside the presence of their employers, he said. However, he acknowledged that the women might be coached by their bosses to lie to inspectors, and conceded that "maybe we should think about that more carefully."

The ministry conducted initial checks of eight bars near Osan in December but found no evidence of human rights violations, Hong said. The inspections included interviews with 51 Filipino employees, most in their 20s or early 30s. An association representing the bars had been notified in advance that the inspections would take place.

A 'gut feeling'

U.S. Forces Korea has for years employed a "zero tolerance policy" toward prostitution and human trafficking, and has said unequivocally that "buying overpriced drinks in a juicy bar supports the human trafficking industry, a form of modern-day slavery."

Yet USFK continued to allow servicemembers to patronize the juicy bars outside its bases with the exception of businesses caught promoting prostitution or human trafficking.

Col. Michael Strunk, 51st Fighter Wing Mission Support Group commander at Osan, said officials had a "gut feeling" that illegal activity was taking place. But establishing the link to human trafficking and proving that the female hostesses were working against their wills was almost impossible.

"We knew certain things were going on, but we didn't have the proof necessarily," he said.

Putting all the bars off-limits to servicemembers was not the answer. In 2010, then-USFK commander Gen. Walter Sharp said it would be unfair to punish all juicy bar owners for the actions of a few.

"The bottom line is that juicy bars have women that are there to talk to soldiers and sailors and airmen and Marines," he said. "You can't presume that things go beyond that, which is what you would have to do if you want to put them (all) off-limits."

Still, business owners resented any efforts to place suspected juicy bars off-limits or force them to change the nature of their operations. Last summer, when the

7AF put a number of bars outside Osan off-limits, owners staged protests for three weeks, saying the military was trying to shut them down.

They abandoned the demonstrations after Osan placed all 500 businesses in the Songtan area off-limits because of fears of confrontations between servicemembers and protesters.

Strunk said Air Force officials, working with various arms of the South Korean, U.S. and Philippine governments, have determined that juicy bar promoters were bringing the women into the country illegally on E-6 entertainer visas. While the Philippine government had denied most of those visa applications, the promoters were skirting the law by sending the women to other countries before they went on to South Korea.

Keeping watch

7AF officials said the Korean government was crucial in pushing the juicy bars to close.

"There's only so much we can do as far as our folks being down there and seeing things," said Strunk, who received a commendation from the ministry last fall for his efforts at stopping prostitution and human trafficking. "When it actually crosses the line and we no longer have authority, like checking on immigration status, that's where the Korean government becomes very important, and they've been very supporting in continuing partnering with us and working those issues."

Some of the businesses have reopened as dance clubs and sports bars, and the military continues to monitor them through patrols and feedback from airmen.

"To a certain degree, I think a lot of them thought that we would scale back" on monitoring, he said, "but we haven't at all."

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MILITARY

Vets turning to American Legion for medical help

By JUAN CARLOS LLORCA
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EL PASO, Texas — A counselor at the local Veterans Affairs office looked at Rebecca King, a victim of domestic violence and abuse who was seeking help for depression, and told her she would not be able to see a psychologist. She looked too nice and put together for someone depressed, King was told.

Like others who've failed to receive help at troubled VA offices, the Army veteran then gave up. She is now among nearly 1,900 people who have turned to the American Legion, which has held town hall meetings and opened temporary crisis centers in Phoenix; Fayetteville, N.C.; and El Paso, Texas. People can gain access to health benefits, schedule doctor's appointments, enroll in the VA and even get back pay.

The centers come in the wake of the VA scandal that brought to light long wait times and false record-keeping, among other things, and are being established in towns where the VA audit showed wait times were longer. Between now and October, crisis centers will come to Fort Collins, Colo.; St. Louis; and Baltimore. They also plan to visit Clarksburg, W.Va.; White City, Ore.; and Harlingen, Texas.

Jessica Jacobsen, deputy director of the VA's regional public affairs office in Dallas, said the VA will use community partners, such as the American Legion, to help "accelerate access and get veterans off wait lists and into clinics."

"This is an example of this type of partnership and how it is successful," Jacobsen said, noting the VA is helping the legion with



Veteran Rebecca King, left, talks with Veterans Affairs employee Joe Esparza, center, and American Legion official Verna Jones at the American Legion in El Paso, Texas.

the crisis centers, providing them with counselors, nurses, schedulers and benefits rates.

But the VA shouldn't view getting veterans access to benefits and doctors as out of the ordinary, said Verna Jones, director of the American Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division. "This is not extra, this is what is supposed to be happening," she said.

On the first day the legion's crisis center team arrives in a town, they typically hold a town hall meeting, where they take questions from veterans. Sometimes, the head of the local VA is there to answer as well. In the days following, veterans come to the legion

post and talk to counselors, who assess the best way to tackle a given problem, be it benefits, retroactive payment — scheduling a doctor's appointment or enrolling a veteran in the VA's system for the first time.

During the center's three days in El Paso, 74 veterans were told they are eligible to more than \$461,000 in retroactive payments for uncollected benefits, American Legion Post 58 commander Joe Ontiveros said.

King divorced her husband, who was also in the military, after years of abuse and moved back to El Paso in 2012. She got by until January, when she learned her ex-husband wanted to take their son

for the summer.

"I started having nightmares, started feeling depressed," she said.

The counselor said that in order to prescribe medication, King would have to be evaluated by a doctor. "She said they would schedule an appointment, but I was never called back," she said. "I've been calling and calling, but nothing."

After talking with the American Legion representatives at the El Paso crisis center, King will get help — an appointment with a psychologist that had yet to be scheduled as of Friday. "I believe this will be helpful," she said.

US survivors of WWII battle recall attack on Japanese island

By CHRIS CAROLA
The Associated Press

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Even after seven decades, Wilfred "Spike" Mailloux won't talk about surviving a bloody World War II battle unless longtime friend John Sidur is by his side.

It was Sidur who found the severely wounded Mailloux hours after both survived Japan's largest mass suicide attack in the Pacific. The pre-dawn assault launched 70 years ago Monday on the Japanese-held island of Saipan nearly wiped out two former New York National Guard battalions fighting alongside U.S. Marines.

"He found me in the mud," Mailloux recounted during a visit to the New York State Military Museum to attend a presentation on the battle's 70th anniversary.

Mailloux and Sidur are among the dwindling ranks of WWII veterans of the Army's 27th Infantry Division, which endured some of the bloodiest fighting in the Pacific, only to have its reputation besmirched by a volatile Marine general in one of the war's biggest controversies.

In the Mariana Islands, 1,400 miles south of Tokyo, Saipan was sought by the Americans as a base for bombing raids against Japan. U.S. forces landed on Saipan on June 15, 1944, with two Marine divisions, the 2nd and the 4th, making the initial beach assaults and suffering some 2,000 casualties on the first day alone.

A few days later, the inexperienced 27th Division joined the



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World War II veterans Wilfred "Spike" Mailloux, left, and John Sidur, both of Cohoes, N.Y., attend a presentation on the 70th anniversary of the Battle of Saipan at the New York State Military Museum in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., on June 7.

fight. A New York National Guard outfit activated in October 1940, the "Appleknockers," still retained a sizable New York state contingent among its ranks after two years of garrison duty in Hawaii. The commander of the ground forces at Saipan was Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Holland M. Smith, dubbed "Howling Mad" for his volcanic temper.

A week into the battle, Smith relieved the 27th's commander, Maj. Gen. Ralph Smith (no relation), after the division lagged behind

the Marine units operating on its flanks. The Marine commander not only blasted the 27th's leadership but he also openly criticized its soldiers in front of war correspondents, who later reported on the rift that became known as "Smith vs. Smith."

On July 7, after three weeks of fighting, two battalions of the 105th Regiment were positioned across a plain along Saipan's western shore. With the island's 30,000 defenders down to a few thousand starving, ill-equipped soldiers and

sailors, Japanese commanders ordered one last charge.

The battalions' 1,100 soldiers bore the brunt of what became known as the banzai attack. U.S. military officials later said 3,000 Japanese charged the American lines, though others put the estimate closer to 5,000. Many of the attackers were armed with samurai swords and bayonets tied to poles.

"I was scared as hell," said Mailloux, then a 20-year-old corporal from Cohoes, a mill town north of Albany. "When you hear that screaming — 'banzai' — who wouldn't be?"

The 105th's positions were overrun. Firing their rifles until they ran out of ammunition and their machine guns until the barrels overheated, the Americans fell back as the attack became a running street brawl. They set up a second perimeter along the beach, and with their backs to the water, fought for hours before the attackers were all but annihilated.

When it was over, some 4,300 enemy dead were found on the battlefield, about half of them in front of the 105th's positions. The regiment saw 406 killed and 512 wounded.

Mailloux was stabbed in the thigh by a Japanese officer wielding a long knife. Unable to move, he lay in a ditch for hours before Sidur, a 26-year-old sergeant also from Cohoes, found him bleeding in a muddy ditch.

"I didn't know who it was," Sidur said. "I just thought, 'Boy, he looks familiar.'"

More than 3,000 Americans

died in the land battle for Saipan, about a third of them 27th Division soldiers. Among the dead were scores of New Yorkers, including more than two dozen from Albany-area factory towns.

Three members of the 105th killed in the July 7 attack were awarded the Medal of Honor posthumously, including Col. William O'Brien and Sgt. Thomas Baker, both from Troy.

Holland Smith declared Saipan secure on July 9, though the 27th remained on the island for weeks.

Survivors of the banzai attack were still recovering from their wounds when they learned of Smith's comments lambasting their division. For many, an intense dislike of the Marine commander and leathernecks in general would last a lifetime. But not for Mailloux, who prefers to remember how the two branches of the service teamed up to defeat a determined foe.

"The Marines were Americans and we were Americans," he said before tears cut off his words.

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NATION



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Cannabis City manager Amber McGowan takes the Seattle marijuana shop's first call from a potential customer, days before the grand opening on Wednesday. The store expects to begin selling pot Tuesday.

Wash. issues pot shop licenses

By GENE JOHNSON
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Washington state issued its first retail marijuana licenses on Monday with a middle-of-the-night email alerting bleary-eyed pot shop proprietors that they'll finally be able to open for business.

"We're pretty stoked," said John Evich, an investor in Bellingham's Top Shelf Cannabis, in a 2:30 a.m. Pacific time interview with The Associated Press. "We haven't had any sleep in a long time, but we're excited for the next step."

Randy Simmons, the state Liquor Control Board's project manager for the legal marijuana, said Sunday night that the first two dozen stores were being notified so early to give them an extra few hours to get cannabis on their shelves before they are allowed to open their doors at 8 a.m. Tuesday — an opening that's expected to be accompanied by high prices, shortages and celebration.

The issuance of the retail licenses marked a major step that's been 20 months in the making. Washington and Colorado stunned much of the world by voting in November 2012 to legalize marijuana for adults over 21 and to create state-licensed systems for growing, selling and taxing the pot. Sales began in Colorado on Jan. 1.

It remained unclear how many of the pot shops being licensed in Washington planned to open on Tuesday. Officials eventually expect to have more than 300 recreational pot shops across the state.

At Cannabis City, which will be the first and, for now, only recreational marijuana shop in Seattle, owner James Lathrop worked into the night Sunday placing no-parking signs in front of his building, hoisting a grand-opening banner and hanging artwork before he turned his attention to his email — and the official notification that he was a licensed marijuana dealer.

"I've had a long day. It really hasn't sunk in yet," he said early Monday.

He planned to hold off on opening his shop until noon Tuesday.

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NY now allows medical pot

ALBANY, N.Y. — New York has become the 23rd state in the country to authorize marijuana as a medical treatment — though the state will have one of the more restrictive programs in the U.S.

Under legislation signed into law on Saturday by Gov. Andrew Cuomo, patients with one of 10 different diseases including AIDS, cancer, and epilepsy will be able to obtain non-smokable versions of the drug.

Instead, the drug must be ingested or administered through a vaporizer or oil base.

Cuomo, a Democrat, opposed allowing medical pot in plant form, saying the drug could have ended up in the wrong hands.

The compromise was one of the final measures passed by lawmakers before they adjourned last month.

From The Associated Press

stoners here," he said. "I'd be mean to say they need to get up at 5 a.m. to get in line."

With the emailed notifications in hand, the shops immediately worked to place their orders with some of the state's first licensed growers. As soon as the orders were received, via state-approved software for tracking the bar-coded pot, the growers could place the product in a required 24-hour "quarantine" before shipping it early Tuesday morning.

The final days before sales have been frenetic for growers and retailers alike. Lathrop and his team hired an events company to provide crowd control, arranged for a food truck and free water for those who might spend hours waiting outside, and rented a portable toilet to keep his customers from burdening nearby businesses

with requests to use the restrooms.

At Nine Point Growth Industries, a marijuana grower in Bremerton, owner Gregory Stewart said he and his director celebrated after they worked through some glitches in the pot-tracking software early Monday and officially learned they'd be able to transport their weed 24 hours later, at 2:22 a.m. Tuesday.

"It's the middle of the night and we're standing here doing high-fives and our version of a happy dance," he said. "It's huge for us."

Pot prices were expected to reach \$25 a gram or higher on the first day of sales — twice what people pay in the state's unregulated medical marijuana dispensaries. That was largely due to the short supply of legally produced pot in the state. Although more than 2,600 people applied to become licensed growers, fewer than 100 have been approved — and only about a dozen were ready to harvest by early this month.

Nevertheless, Evich said his shop in Bellingham wanted to thank the state's residents for voting for the law by offering \$10 grams of one cannabis strain to the first 50 or 100 customers. The other strains would be priced between \$12 and \$25, he said.

The store will be open at 8 a.m. Tuesday, he said, but work remained: trimming the bathroom door, wiping dust off the walls and, of course, stocking the shelves.

In Seattle, among those who planned to buy some of the first pot at Cannabis City was Alison Holcomb, the lawyer who drafted Washington's law. She said it was a good opportunity to remind people of the big-picture arguments for ending nearly a century of prohibition and displacing the black market, including keeping nonviolent, adult marijuana users out of jail; redirecting profits away from criminal groups; and ending racial disparities in who gets busted.

"No one thought legalization could happen in our lifetime," she said. "I think this is going to be a little overwhelming for me."

State-based troops are warned not to partake

By CHRIS CARROLL
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — After legalizing recreational marijuana in 2012, Washington state on Monday began issuing licenses to sell it, with the first round of pot store openings expected Tuesday.

But it's a pastime that stops at the gates of military installations, and officials are warning troops and Department of Defense civilians alike that indulging, on or off base, in a drug that's still outlawed by the federal government can result in serious consequences.

For servicemembers, that could range from a general discharge for a positive drug test all the way up to dishonorable discharge and jail time for possession.

"Drug abuse is incompatible with military service," the staff judge advocate for the 62nd Airlift Wing reminded troops at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in a recent article on the base newspaper.

DOD civilians face potential job loss and federal prosecution for possession. Dependents aren't under the same rules for use off-post, but possession or use on a military installation is still illegal.

Colorado's legal recreational marijuana trade began Jan. 1. A Fort Carson official speaking on condition of anonymity said that since the law was changed, there has been no discernible effect on drug arrests or prosecutions on post, adding that those who wanted to smoke pot could easily get it in Colorado prior to legalization.

Colorado state coffers look to be benefiting from the change. Estimates vary, but the Denver Post reported that current predictions are for \$30.6 million in pot taxes for the fiscal year that began July 1. Washington state voters are hoping for a similar boost.

DOD personnel won't be allowed to add to that revenue, according to a Facebook post in recent weeks from Joint Base Lewis-McChord officials.

"The short version: Despite changes to Wash. state laws, marijuana possession and use remains illegal under federal law," the Facebook post said. "Military family members and visitors to the base should be aware that despite the state laws, possession/sale/use of marijuana 'on JBLM property' will be prosecuted in accordance with the federal laws that remain in effect. "Additional: Marijuana use by service members is prohibited under the UCMJ, regardless of where they are located (on- or off-base)."

"Finally, use of marijuana by federal employees is prohibited as a condition of employment (Executive Order 12564: "Drug Free Federal Workforce")."

The posting generated some predictable response, with a Facebook user commenting that "George Washington founder of the US Army had 700 acres of marijuana at Mount Vernon and according to his journal he smoked it too."

Others discussed legal limitations on search and seizure by military authorities. But Facebook user Tom Schmidt wrote, "[I]f they are stupid enough to use it, they will only be facilitating the drawdown ... via the express lane ... bwh bye ..."

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NATION



Eric Gay/AP

Immigrants who entered the U.S. illegally stand in line for tickets at the bus station in McAllen, Texas, on June 20 after they were released from a U.S. Customs and Border Protection processing facility.

Child migrant crisis has legal, political hurdles

BY CHARLES BABINGTON
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—A top Obama administration official said no one, not even children trying to escape violent countries, can illegally enter the United States without eventually facing deportation proceedings.

But Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson basically acknowledged Sunday that such proceedings might be long delayed, and he said that coping with floods of unaccompanied minors crossing the border is a legal and humanitarian dilemma for the United States.

"Our border is not open to illegal migration, and we are taking a number of steps to address it, including turning people around faster," Johnson told NBC's "Meet the Press." At the same time, he said, the administration is "looking at ways to create additional options for dealing with the children, in particular, consistent with our laws and our values."

Repeatedly pressed to say whether thousands of Central American children will be deported promptly, Johnson said,

"We need to find more efficient, effective ways to turn this tide around generally, and we've already begun to do that."

The legal, political and logistical constraints of immigration policy dominated the Sunday talk shows.

More than 50,000 unaccompanied minors have been caught on the U.S.-Mexico border this year. Most are from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador, where spikes in violence and poverty are prompting parents to send their children on difficult and dangerous journeys north.

Their numbers have overwhelmed federal agencies. When 140 would-be immigrants — mostly mothers with children — were flown to southern California to ease an overcrowded Texas facility, angry residents of Murrieta, Calif., greeted the bus as it pulled into town, complaining that they were being saddled with more than their share.

Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Texas, said on CNN's "State of the Union" that the administration "is one step behind" a major dilemma that was foreseeable. The number of children coming from

Central America without adults has been rising dramatically for several years.

A George W. Bush-era law to address human trafficking prevents the government from returning these children to their home countries without taking them into custody and eventually through a deportation hearing. Minors from Mexico and Canada, by contrast, can be sent back across the border more easily. The administration says it wants more flexibility under the law.

Unaccompanied Central American children generally are being released to relatives already in the United States. Mothers with their children often are released with a notice to appear later in immigration court.

Meanwhile, word of seemingly successful border crossings reaches their home countries, encouraging others to try.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that children entering the country illegally must be sent home. If not, Graham said, "you're going to incentivize people throughout that part of the world to keep sending their children here."

Backlash on visas for foreign workers grows

The Associated Press

Amid calls for expanding the nation's so-called H-1B visa program, there is growing resistance from Americans who argue the program has been hijacked by staffing companies that import cheaper, lower-level workers to replace more expensive U.S. employees — or keep them from getting hired in the first place.

The H-1B program allows employers to temporarily hire workers in specialty occupations. The government issues up to 85,000 H-1B visas to businesses every year, and recipients can stay up to six years. Although no one tracks exactly how many H-1B holders are in the U.S., experts estimate there are at least 600,000 at any one time.

Rich Haginjian, 56, of Boston, who develops his own Web applications on the side, said he applied for a job in April through a headhunter and that the potential client appeared interested, scheduling a longer interview. Then, said Haginjian, the headhunter called back and said the client had gone with an H-1B worker whose annual salary was about \$10,000 less.

"I didn't even get a chance to negotiate down," he said.

An immigration bill passed in the U.S. Senate last year would have increased the number of annually available H-1B visas to 180,000 while raising fees and increasing oversight, although language was removed that would have required all companies to consider qualified U.S. workers before foreign workers are hired.

The House never acted on the measure. With immigration reform considered dead this year in Congress, President Barack Obama last week declared he will use executive actions to address some changes. It is not known whether the H-1B program will be on the agenda.

That argument has long been the there aren't enough qualified American workers to fill certain jobs, especially in science, engineering and technology.

Critics say there is no across-the-board shortage of American tech workers, and that if there was, wages would be rising rapidly. Instead, wage gains for software developers have been modest, while wages have fallen

for programmers.

The liberal Economic Policy Institute reported last year that only half of U.S. college graduates in science, engineering and technology found jobs in those fields, and that at least one-third of IT jobs were going to foreign guest workers.

The top users of H-1B visas aren't even tech companies like Google and Facebook. Eight of the 10 biggest H-1B users last year were outsourcing firms that hire out thousands of mostly lower- and mid-level tech workers to corporate clients, according to an analysis of federal data by Ron Hira, an associate professor of public



"It's a slap in the face to every American who worked hard to get their experience and degrees and has 10 or 15 years of experience."

Jennifer Wedel
Fort Worth, Texas

of foreign workers beinghired — given that her husband, a semiconductor engineer, couldn't find work. Wedel said her husband eventually found a job in the health care industry, taking a \$40,000 pay cut. "It's a slap in the face to every American who worked hard to get their experience and degrees and has 10 or 15 years of experience," she said, adding that firms want that experience but don't want to pay for it.

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NATION

New York mourns 'hero' firefighter

By MICHAEL R. SISAK
AND JENNIFER PELTZ
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Purple and black bunting hung from the firehouse. Firefighters embraced and wiped away tears. Neighbors, grateful for the man they recently called a hero and stunned by his sudden death, stopped by to say farewell.

Sorrow permeated the New York City neighborhood Sunday where Lt. Gordon Ambelas worked, echoing from Ladder 119 and Engine Company 211 — where he heard his final call Saturday night — to the public-housing high-rise where he was overcome with smoke and flame while searching for possible victims in a cluttered apartment.

As the news spread of the fire department's first line-of-duty death in more than two years, fellow firefighters congregated with community leaders at the firehouse in Brooklyn's Williamsburg neighborhood to grieve together and share their remembrances.

"He died a hero — that's how he lived," firefighter, friend and former roommate Eric Bischoff said. Ambelas, he said, was "one of the best human beings that anyone would ever want to meet."

Fire officials said Sunday that a preliminary investigation showed a pinched electrical cord in a cluttered apartment started the blaze on the 19th floor of the 21-story building. Flames quickly spread to the 17th and 18th floors. Ambelas was among the first firefighters in the building.

Fellow firefighters found Ambelas unconscious and carried



SETH WENIG/AP

New York firefighters hug one another after hanging bunting over their firehouse in honor of Lt. Gordon Ambelas, who became trapped while looking for victims in a public-housing high-rise blaze Saturday in Brooklyn. He was the first New York City firefighter to die in the line of duty in more than two years.

him out of the building. They worked with emergency rescuers to try to revive him, but he died at the hospital, Mayor Bill de Blasio said.

A funeral was planned for Thursday morning at St. Clare's Church on Staten Island.

Ambelas, 40, a married father of two daughters from Staten Island, had been promoted to lieutenant 10 months ago. Throughout

a 14-year career he helped the city through its darkest hours, including the recovery from the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and Superstorm Sandy.

In May, months after a transfer to Williamsburg, Ambelas helped save Mendy Gotlieb, 7, who became trapped in a roll-down gate. The boy was pulled 15 feet

off the ground when his arm and head got stuck. Two weeks ago, the local Orthodox Jewish community honored Ambelas and his Ladder 119 comrades for their heroics.

Ambelas said at the time that the incident "shows that FDNY members are always ready to help others. It was great teamwork all around."

Fireworks accidents result in injuries

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — A Northern California man igniting illegal fireworks blew off both of his hands when a device exploded prematurely, police said.

Officer Albert Morales, of the San Jose Police Department, said the man in his 40s is expected to live. The explosive went off in the man's hands as family members stood nearby late on the Fourth of July holiday.

"It would have had to have been something pretty powerful," Morales told the San Jose Mercury News.

The newspaper also reported that two other men were seriously injured in Sunnyvale while lighting a mortar-like explosive on Friday.

The Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety said that at 10 p.m. the men — ages 41 and 32 — were hurt at an apartment complex when the illegal fireworks ignited prematurely. Witnesses in a group of about 20 people said the man had been trying to ignite the fireworks when it went off in their hands, officials reported.

One man lost fingers on his left hand and fingertips on the right hand, while officials said the other man lost part of his right hand.

In Southern California, a man lost his thumb Friday after the firecracker he was holding exploded in his hand, Long Beach police said Sunday.

And in Youngstown, Ohio, a 4-month-old girl in a playpen on her porch was critically injured late Friday night when a neighbor's fireworks landed on her.

A witness told police a 10-year-old neighbor kicked over a lit tubular firework, which shot into the playpen, burning Aubree McCormick.

The baby was flown to the burn unit at Akron Children's Hospital following the accident.

The child's grandmother, Carol McCormick, injured her fingers rescuing the baby. She told WFMJ-TV in Youngstown the child's entire face is burned.

A spokeswoman at Akron Children's Hospital confirmed the hospital was treating the baby Monday, but said her condition wasn't immediately available.

Police are investigating.

Shark bite victim feared for life, now back home

The Associated Press

MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif. — Steven Robles was an hour into his regular weekend swim off some of Southern California's most popular beaches when he came face-to-face with a great white shark.

The 7-foot-tall juvenile had been trying to free itself from a fisherman's hook for about half an hour.

"It came up to the surface, it looked at me and attacked me right on the side of my chest," Robles told KABC-TV. "That all happened within two seconds. I saw the eyes of the shark as I was seeing it swim toward me. It

lunged at my chest, and it locked into my chest."

As a reflex, he tried to pry open the shark's mouth.

"I was like, 'Oh my God, this is it. Oh my God, I'm going to die. This is really, this is it,'" Robles told CNN.

Then, just as quickly as it struck, the shark let go and swam away.

Robles was familiar with the waters of the Southern California coast. His Saturday morning routine included a swim from Hermosa Beach north to Manhattan Beach with fellow amateur distance swimmers, and last summer he completed a difficult swim approximately 20 miles

from Santa Catalina Island to the Rancho Palos Verdes peninsula to raise money for a school in Nicaragua.

Robles had been going for 2 miles with about a dozen friends Saturday when he encountered the shark around 9:30 a.m., fellow swimmer Nader Nejadhassami said Sunday.

"He said, 'I've been bit,' and he was screaming," said Nejadhassami, who didn't see the shark even though he was just 5 feet away.

At first Nejadhassami thought it must be a cramp. "Then," he said, "I saw the blood."

Nejadhassami reached his friend and checked that "all his extremities were intact,"

then comforted him as others in the group flagged a nearby paddle-boarder.

"I don't know how we managed to push him on the paddle board but we did," he said.

Once several surfers came over to help pull the board in, Robles was on his way to the shore, where paramedics treated his wounds.

He was taken to the hospital but by Sunday morning had been released. Robles did not return messages left Sunday at several numbers listed under his name.

On Sunday, Manhattan Beach was again crowded, and surfers sat offshore in the water on another warm day.

"Ben was a well-respected individual, always a nice guy, always was there to help somebody," Poster said. "He'd give his shirt off his back at anytime."

The National Weather Service had issued a warning Sunday of dangerous rip currents and high surf along Southern California

beaches. The weather service said some beaches saw up to 8-foot high surf.

Los Angeles County firefighters rescued a 25-year-old man who was caught in the waves off Rancho Palos Verdes and high tide reached a sand berm in Long Beach.

Lifeguard drowns during high-surf rescue off Southern Calif. coast

The Associated Press

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — A lifeguard drowned while trying to rescue a swimmer off a Southern California beach Sunday, authorities said.

Ben Carlson, 32, was pulled from the water around 8 p.m.

PDT by fellow lifeguards following a frantic, three-hour search, Newport Beach Fire Department Chief Scott Poster said.

Poster said the 15-year department veteran went into the water to help a swimmer struggling in the water when they were hit by a large wave. Carlson went under

water, and the swimmer made it to shore safely. Poster said searchers were hampered by up to 12-foot swells.

"It was just an utter tragedy to lose a man of that caliber in the water today," the chief said, noting that it was the first time a city lifeguard died in the line of duty.

NATION

Doctor: 'It's nice to be able to practice'

Rather than honing their skills on patients, new doctors get boot camp with mannequins, actors

By LINDSEY TANNER
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — First-day jitters come with any new job, but when the work involves pushing needles into strangers' bellies, stitching up gaping wounds or even delivering babies, that debut can be especially nerve-wracking — for everyone involved.

Brand-new doctors often launch right into patient care within weeks of graduating from medical school. To make sure their skills are up to snuff, many medical schools and hospitals run crash courses in the basics for those new interns.

'We just don't want to subject patients to newly minted residents.'

Dr. Diane Wayne
Feinberg School of Medicine

before letting the newbies loose on patients. Young doctors are tested on a variety of skills, from the proper technique for handling newborns during childbirth — make sure the head comes out slowly — to delivering bad news — use empathy, eye contact and listen to the patient.

More than 90 percent pass the first time. The rest are tested again until they do.

"Don't do that on Mr. Smith," instructor Dr. Jeffrey Barsuk told this year's batch of residents, warning them not to withdraw



PHOTOS BY STACY THACKER/AP

Fardows Salim holds up a fake baby that she "delivered" during a birthing exercise taught at intern boot camp by Northwestern Memorial Hospital and Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago.

too much fluid from the belly of a mannequin patient supposedly sick with liver disease. Barsuk was showing the group how to insert a scary-looking, 5-inch needle and remove abnormal fluid buildup. Taking too much can be dangerous for sick patients.

Dr. Diane Wayne, the medical school's vice dean of education, created the program in 2011, aiming partly to combat the so-called "July effect." Many experts say

it's more myth than reality, and evidence is mixed, but a few studies have found lapses in patient care — even deaths — when new interns start making rounds in July.

"We have great residents who come from all over the country, but we have no reliable way of knowing that these interns possess these skills," she said. "We just don't want to subject patients to newly minted residents" with uncertain expertise.

The program won a 2012 innovation award from the Association of American Medical Colleges. Association member Dr. Robert Englander said the boot camp is part of a trend in doctor-training as hospitals increasingly focus on patient safety.

"We're looking more and more at what we can do toward the end of medical school to optimize that preparation," he said.

Bennet Butler, 26, just got his doctor degree from Northwestern and was among about 100 graduates in this summer's just-finished boot camp. He gave it high marks on his first day.

"We're learning a lot already," Butler said after a refresher course on identifying surgical instruments. "We've had a couple of lectures, a couple of sessions where we were able to practice some of our skills like tying knots and suturing so, so far so good."

Butler said he's excited but anxious about starting his residency. "This is something I've wanted to do my whole life," Butler said. "You'd have to be crazy not to be a bit nervous. It's a big upgrade in responsibility."

One of the toughest — and most

praised — sessions was a test in handling end-of-life discussions using actors trained to portray dying patients. First, the new doctors watched rapt as Northwestern ethics expert Dr. Kathy Neely demonstrated with an actor posing as single father with advanced cancer, worried sick about what would happen to his 12-year-old son.

It was like a well-acted play, with the audience straining to catch every word and nuance as Neely sat close to the "patient," touching his arm and talking gently about the burdens of choices he faced, including entering hospice care.

Then residents were sent into private hospital rooms to be tested on discussing "do not resuscitate" orders and how long to use life-saving ventilators with other fake patients.

"It was difficult going in because we were giving bad news to the patient and discussing end-of-life goals," said Namita Jain, 25, another recent Northwestern graduate.

Facing her first day on the job, Jain said she was most nervous about "probably, like, everything," but praised boot camp for helping build up her confidence. "It's nice to be able to practice."

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Afif Sheikh, left, practices giving bad news to a patient played by an actor during one of the exercises.

WORLD

Merkel: US spy report serious if true

By GILLIAN WONG

The Associated Press

BEIJING — German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Monday that if reports that a German intelligence employee spied for the United States are proven true, it would be a “clear contradiction” of trust between the allies.

Speaking at a news conference in China, Merkel made her first public comments on the arrest last week of a 31-year-old man suspected of spying for foreign intelligence services.

German prosecutors said the man is suspected of handing over 218 documents between 2012 and 2014. German media, without naming sources, have reported

he was an employee of Germany's foreign intelligence service who says he sold his services to the U.S.

“If the allegations are true, it would be for me a clear contradiction as to what I consider to be trusting cooperation between agencies and partners,” Merkel said at a news conference in Beijing with the Chinese premier.

Germany has been stepping up pressure on the United States to clarify the situation. The issue threatens to strain German-U.S. relations again after earlier reports that the National Security Agency spied on Germans, including on Merkel's cellphone.

The German newspaper Bild reported Monday that German

Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere wants to include the U.S. among future German spy targets in response to the case.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier said if the allegations of U.S. involvement were true, the case could lead to unspecified changes in the two countries' “daily routine.”

“Should the suspicions be confirmed that American intelligence agencies were involved, then that's also a political matter where one can't just go back to the daily routine,” Steinmeier said during a visit to Mongolia, according to his office.

“We will work hard to answer the outstanding questions and then decide how to react,” he

said. “I hope that the U.S. can contribute to resolving this matter as quickly as possible.”

In Berlin, former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton said in an interview with Der Spiegel, posted online Monday, that the United States would never sign a commitment with any other nation not to spy on them.

“The U.S. will never sign a no-spy agreement (as demanded by Germany) with any other countries, not with you, not with Britain or Canada,” Clinton was quoted as saying. “But that doesn't mean that the two countries and their intelligence agencies shouldn't clarify what's appropriate and what isn't.”

Pope asks sex abuse victims for forgiveness

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis has begged forgiveness from the victims of clergy sex abuse in his first meeting with several abuse survivors.

The Vatican quoted Francis as expressing personal “sorrow” in his homily at a private Mass with six victims Monday for the “sins and grave crimes of clerical sex abuse against them.”

Added the pope: “I beg your forgiveness, too, for the sins of omission on the part of Church leaders who did not respond adequately to reports of abuse made by family members, as well as by abuse victims themselves.”

Advocacy groups for clerical abuse survivors have denounced the Vatican repeatedly for failing to fire or otherwise discipline bishops and other prelates who routinely shunned known pedophile priests from parish to parish without alerting parishioners to the danger.

First day of Pamplona bull run sees 1 gored

PAMPLONA, Spain — One person was gored as thousands of thrill-seekers tested their bravery and speed Monday by dashing with fighting bulls through the streets of the northern Spanish city of Pamplona.

Jose Aldaba, a spokesman for Spain's Red Cross, said four people were taken to a city hospital for injuries sustained in the 8 a.m. run, the first of the annual San Permin festival. One was gored in the thigh.

A statement from the Navarra regional government said none was in serious condition.

Memorial to London bomb victims defaced

LONDON — Vandals have defaced a memorial commemorating victims of the London transit bombings on the ninth anniversary of the rush-hour attacks that killed 52 commuters and injured hundreds.

The park's manager discovered the graffiti, including one slogan reading “Blair Lied Thousands Died,” at the memorial in London's Hyde Park early Monday. Workers scrubbed off the red and black lettering just hours before a ceremony marking the anniversary was set to take place.

Ex-Georgian president Shevardnadze dies

TBILISI, Georgia — Edward Shevardnadze, a groundbreaking Soviet foreign minister and later the president of an independent Georgia, died Monday at the age of 86, his spokeswoman said.

Marina Davitashvili said Shevardnadze died after a long illness.

Shevardnadze swept heroically across the international stage in the final years of the Soviet empire, helping topple the Berlin Wall and end the Cold War, but as the leader of post-Soviet Georgia his career in the public eye ended in failure as he was chased out of his parliament and forced into retirement.

From The Associated Press

63 women, girls escape extremists in Nigeria

By HARUNA UMAR
AND MICHELLE FAUL

The Associated Press

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria — More than 60 Nigerian girls and women abducted by Islamic extremists two weeks ago have managed to escape, officials said Monday.

Nigerian security forces and federal government officials had denied reports of the mass abduction from three villages in the northeast state of Borno on June 22.

Chibok local government chairman Pogu Bitrus said Monday he had verified that about 60 women and girls escaped on Thursday and Friday by sending a representative who met with some of the escapees and their families at the hospital in Lassa, a town in the neighboring Damboa local government area.

Vigilante leader Abbas Gava in Maiduguri, capital of Borno state, said Sunday that vigilantes in the area told him 63 women and girls escaped Friday while their captors were engaged in a major attack on a military barracks and police headquarters in Damboa town.

Small-scale kidnappings by Boko Haram extremists had been going on for months when they drew international condemnation for the abductions of more than 200 schoolgirls from a school in Chibok town of Borno state on April 15. Most of those girls still are missing.

The government and military failure to rescue them has attracted criticism at home and abroad.

Boko Haram is demanding the release of detained fighters in exchange for the girls. Nigerian President Goodluck Jonathan reportedly has refused to consider a prisoner swap.



DMITRY LOVETSKY/AP

People walk under a railroad bridge destroyed by explosions over a main road leading into the east Ukraine city of Donetsk near the village of Novobakhmutivka on Monday.

Explosions collapse 3 bridges in Ukraine, blocking roads to Donetsk

By YURAS KARMANAU

The Associated Press

NOVOBAKHMUTIVKA, Ukraine — Three bridges over roads leading into the eastern Ukrainian city of Donetsk were destroyed Monday by explosions, blocking key access routes to the rebel-held city.

An Associated Press reporter saw one collapsed bridge in the village of Novobakhmutivka, where a rail line crosses over a highway leading out of Donetsk. The road leads toward Sloviansk, a former stronghold of the pro-Russia insurgents that was retaken by Ukrainian troops on Saturday after a night of intense fighting.

Anatoly Krasov, who was driving along the road on Monday, said he saw an explosion before the bridge collapsed with a large cargo train on it. He said he saw

a group of men, wearing the camouflage uniforms often worn by the rebels, get in their cars and drive away from the bridge in the direction of Donetsk.

Two other bridges on roads leading from Sloviansk to Donetsk were also destroyed Monday in the villages of Zakitne and Seleznevka, the Road Transportation Agency of Donetsk Region announced in a statement.

Rebel fighters from Sloviansk and other towns taken over by the Ukrainian army regrouped Sunday in Donetsk, a city of 1 million and the capital of a region where pro-Russia separatists have declared independence as the Donetsk People's Republic.

The bridges' destruction may be an attempt by the rebels to buy time and slow down any assault by Ukrainian forces on the city. Pavel Gubarev, the self-described governor of the Donetsk People's

Republic, has promised “real partisan war around the whole perimeter of Donetsk.”

The insurgents control the regional administration building and checkpoints on the city outskirts, and they were cheered by thousands of supporters waving flags from Russia and the self-proclaimed independent Donetsk People's Republic on Sunday. They also face little internal resistance from police forces or government officials, who have done nothing in recent months to hinder their free movement around the city.

It is unclear whether they will be able to put up major resistance in the face of a Ukrainian attack. Ukrainian forces demonstrated their superior firepower in repelling a rebel attempt to take control of Donetsk's airport in late May, a battle that left dozens of rebel fighters dead.

WORLD

Europe in battle to prevent extremism

BY FRANK JORDANS
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The Associated Press

BERLIN — Chris Boudreau's son Damian told her over dinner on a November evening in 2012 that he was going to Egypt to study Arabic, the language of Islam.

She never saw him again.

"He flew to Seattle, then Amsterdam, then into Istanbul," Boudreau said. "There was a training camp just outside the city where radicals train prior to crossing the border into Syria."

Fourteen months later, the 22-year-old Canadian convert to Islam was dead, apparently killed in fighting between rival groups of Islamic militants in the Syrian city of Aleppo. Boudreau was left to wonder what she could have done to stop her son from becoming a jihadi foot soldier.

For answers she's turning to Europe, where authorities are increasingly using outreach programs to prevent and even reverse radicalization. Initiatives include school counseling, emergency hotlines and even programs to help find jobs for returning jihadists.

The West has grappled with preventing radicalization since 9/11, when a Hamburg terrorist cell emerged as a key force in the attacks. The conflict in Syria, where thousands of Westerners are believed to be fighting, has added urgency to the challenge. In May, a 29-year-old man who had



MICHAEL SOHN/AP

Bernd Wagner is founder of the group Hayat. Germany launched a national telephone hotline for people worried their friends or relatives might be turning to radical Islam.

fought in Syria was arrested in France on suspicion of shooting dead four people at the Jewish Museum in Brussels.

Kemal Bozay, the son of Turkish immigrants in the city of Bochum, runs a project called Wegweiser, which means "signpost" in German. It seeks to prevent radicalization among Muslim teens in the city with the help of schools, families, religious leaders and job centers.

There are two Wegweiser centers in Bonn and Duesseldorf — all aimed at engaging troubled youths before they fall into radical Islam.

The centers send out social workers who intervene when they see recruiters approaching teenagers on playgrounds, football fields and school yards, or when they carry out Islamic conversions on market

squares.

The workers engage the youths in conversation and try to offer solutions that steer them away from fundamentalism.

One of the groups is Hayat, which means "life" in Arabic and launched in 2011. Based in Berlin, it has grown out of a long-running project aimed at helping far-right extremists leave the neo-Nazi scene.

Founder Bernd Wagner, a former police investigator, felt authorities focused too much on locking up extremists — failing to properly address what draws young people to violent ideologies in the first place.

"We saw a parallel between Islamism and the far right," Wagner said, adding that the group has helped some 528 people quit the far-right scene and de-radicalized dozens of Muslims.

3 Israelis confess to killing of Arab teen

BY IAN DEITCH
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Three Israeli suspects in the vigilante-style killing of a Palestinian teenager who was abducted and burned to death last week confessed to the crime on Monday and were re-enacting the incident for authorities, an official said, as the country's leaders raced to contain a public uproar over the slaying.

The confession came as tensions continued to rise along Israel's volatile front with the Gaza Strip. Israeli airstrikes, launched in response to persistent rocket fire, killed at least eight Palestinian militants. The Hamas militant group vowed revenge, saying "the enemy will pay a tremendous price."

The region has been on edge for weeks since three Israeli teenagers were kidnapped and killed in the West Bank. Last week, hours after the Israeli teens were buried, Mohammed Abu Khdeir, 16, was abducted from outside his home in east Jerusalem, and his charred remains were found shortly afterward in a Jerusalem forest. His death triggered days of violent protests in Arab areas of Jerusalem and northern Israel.

The Jewish suspects have not been identified and they remained in custody Monday, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Palestinian say Abu Khdeir's death was a revenge killing in response to the abductions and killings of the three Israeli teens. Abu Khdeir was abducted near his home in east Jerusalem shortly after the three were buried, and his charred remains were later found in a Jerusalem forest.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned Abu Khdeir's death and tried to calm the public. On Monday, his office said he called Abu Khdeir's father, Hussein, to express his condolences.

"I would like to express my outrage and that of the citizens of Israel over the reprehensible murder of your son," a statement quoted Netanyahu as saying.

"We acted immediately to apprehend the murderers. We will bring them to trial and they will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law. We denounce all brutal behavior, the murder of your son is abhorrent and cannot be countenanced by any human being," he said.

Hussein Abu Khdeir, father of the slain boy, said he was not certain he spoke to Netanyahu.

"Maybe he called, I don't know," he said. "Tons of people called me this morning to apologize for what happened to my son. Some of them were crying. But I don't know if Netanyahu was one of them."

The discovery Sunday that a group of Jewish males, some of them minors, were suspected in the grisly death of Abu Khdeir, who was still alive when he was set on fire, set off nationwide anguish in Israel and raised questions about whether the charged atmosphere in the country had contributed to the slaying.

"Shame. That is the word," wrote Sima Kadmon, a commentator in the mass daily Yediot Ahronot. "For the murder of Mohammed, there is shame. Immense shame and disgrace over the fact that such a thing happened among us, we who are so certain that it could not happen among us, that only Arabs can be so cruel."

Iraq postpones political session

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's deadlocked parliament on Monday postponed its next session until mid-August, prolonging the country's political impasse despite urgent calls for a new government that can confront Sunni extremists who have overrun much of the country.

The new legislature held its first session since April elections last week, but failed to make any headway on selecting new a new prime minister, president and other leaders.

Lawmakers were expected to meet again Tuesday for a second session, but called off that meeting since no progress was made over the past week untangling the political situation.

The parliament said in a statement Monday that "after discussions with the heads of the blocs and concerned parties" that the next session will be held on Aug. 12. It expressed hope that "another chance will be available for more dialogue and discussions to arrange that meeting."

The main sticking point is the post of prime minister, which holds most of the power in Iraq.

Syrian troops seen moving to lay siege to Aleppo rebels

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Syrian troops advanced inside and near northern Aleppo on Monday in what appears to be an attempt to lay siege to rebel-held parts of the country's largest city, activists said Monday.

If successful, it would be the biggest blow to the opposition since they entered the northern city two years ago. Aleppo, once Syria's commercial center, has been carved up into rebel- and government-controlled areas since opposition fighters launched an offensive in the country's north in mid-2012.

The push also comes a month after extremist fighters of the Islamic State seized territories straddling Syria and neighboring Iraq, mostly running across the Euphrates river where they have declared a self-styled caliphate. Most of the land was seized in June during a push across Iraq.

Rami Abdurrahman, who heads the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said Monday that reinforcements, including members of the elite Republican Guards and allies from Lebanon's Hezbollah group, had recently arrived in the city. Abdurrahman and an activist based near Aleppo who goes by the name of Abu

al-Hassan said Monday's fighting concentrated near an army infantry base that rebels captured two years ago.

"The latest attack does not mean that Aleppo will fall. It is going to be a very difficult battle," said Abdurrahman, whose group has a network of activists around the country. He said the aim of government forces currently is to try to capture Aleppo's northern district of Handarat to be able to further close in on rebels.

Syrian government forces last week seized a key industrial area, allowing them to choke off rebel-held parts of Aleppo. Marea said government forces captured the village of Kafr al-Saghir and Moqabila, just north of Aleppo, tightening the grip on the city's entrances.

State-run news agency SANA said the army continued its crackdown on "terrorists' hideouts and had killed and wounded scores. The government refers to opposition fighters as terrorists.

Syria's crisis began in March 2011 as a largely peaceful protest against President Bashar Assad's rule. It turned into an armed uprising after some opposition supporters picked up arms to fight a brutal government crackdown on dissent.

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OPINION

Federal abortion policy added to my stress

By LOREN CLARK-MOE

I was thrilled to work for the federal government for six years. I believe passionately in the importance of public service, and I had both job security in a field I care deeply about and amazing co-workers. It never occurred to me that my employment placed me at any disadvantage — until I came face to face with special laws that restricted my reproductive choices. I suppose I shouldn't have been surprised, given increasing attempts across the U.S. to limit women's access to reproductive health care, in some cases with the backing of the Supreme Court.

I've been on the pill for most of my adult life, and I've always had irregular menstruation, routinely going three or four months without a period. That's why I didn't worry when I missed a period last fall. It wasn't until I began to suffer extreme nausea and fatigue that I began to think something was wrong. A home pregnancy test on a Thursday night led to phone calls Friday morning and then a quickly scheduled doctor's appointment for Monday.

Already struggling with the idea of a very unplanned and unwanted pregnancy, I was beyond shocked when my doctor informed me I was already eight weeks and three days pregnant. Abortion wasn't an automatic choice for me, but it was one I was strongly considering, and the method I preferred — drug-induced abortion — can't be performed after nine weeks. I had only days to consider my choices.

My doctor and nurse were supportive and informative, and I felt relieved to be in their care. But after leaving to do some of the required paperwork, the nurse quickly returned and sat down with me, holding my hand as she told me that, as a federal employee enrolled in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, my health care coverage is barred by Congress from paying for abortion services except in cases of rape or incest or when the life of the woman is in danger. If I wanted to terminate my pregnancy, I was on my own.

So I rushed to my doctor's office to call Planned Parenthood before its appointment line shut down for the day, despite not yet knowing whether I was going to choose an abortion. My ability to make my own decision was rapidly diminishing. I wanted to preserve all my options.

By the time of my appointment, two days later, I knew what I wanted to do. After a long morning of exams and conversations, I had an abortion.

The procedure cost around \$480, due immediately. I am fortunate. I was able to pay for the abortion without affecting my ability to honor other financial commitments. But not that long ago, I couldn't have managed that, and I fear for the women who can neither afford the procedure nor wait for their next payday to take action. The clinic I went to was only minutes from both my home and my workplace, so I didn't have to find a way to pay for last-minute travel expenses.

I'm not ashamed that, as a 29-year-old

woman, I'm sexually active and I have a healthy, functioning reproductive system. In fact, I'm quite happy to be able to state this. I was also fortunate to have an accommodating workplace, supportive family and friends and the financial resources to handle unexpected expenses.

Abortion opponents often argue that impediments such as the ones I faced lead women to consider more carefully the decisions they are making. But I am fully capable of making appropriate decisions, in consultation with my doctor, about my health, my body and my life.

In the end, I would have gotten an abortion with or without the restrictions placed upon me as a federal employee. It was the right decision for me. Restricting my access to health coverage didn't prevent my pregnancy, and it certainly didn't influence my choice. All it did was punish me, financially and otherwise, for making a responsible, physician-approved health care decision.

I now feel federal government to pursue a master's degree, and I am proud of the years I spent working with the federal government to keep the American public safe and secure. However, the mission of preserving my health and well-being rests solely with me and my doctors, and it requires no interference from my government or its politicians.

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Turf wars on Hill costly to Americans' security

By ALBERT R. HUNT

Bloomberg News

THIS CONGRESS is replete with oversight investigations — the murder of U.S. officials in Libya, the misdeeds of the Internal Revenue Service — that have produced lots of headlines and little substantive change.

When it comes to the most pressing matter, homeland security and the threat of terrorist strikes, there are plenty of congressional eyeballs — by one count, 119 panels. That generates more chaos and confusion. With duplication and petty turf fights, Republicans and Democrats alike have put parochial politics ahead of security.

The Sept. 11, 2001, attacks led to the creation of the Department of Homeland Security, which combined 22 government entities, including immigration, nuclear detection, the Secret Service, the Coast Guard and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Then, the 9/11 Commission recommended major changes to reduce the chances of another attack. An important element was the consolidation of congressional oversight responsibilities in order to develop sharper scrutiny and shape priorities for Homeland Security, which was then overseen by 79 separate committees.

The recommendation was ignored. Last year, the Annenberg Retreat at Sunnyslands and the Aspen Institute convened a bipartisan task force of experts who concluded that this neglect was dangerous and impeded the department's ability to focus

on potential vulnerabilities such as the threats posed by small aircraft, cyberattacks and biological weapons.

The telling illustration of Congress' lack of purpose: For 10 years, it hasn't passed a Homeland Security authorization bill, a measure that would spell out policy priorities. Instead, the agency operates on routine appropriations every year.

Sandy Maisel, a political scientist at Colby College who specializes in Congress, says oversight is effective only when it's bipartisan and adjusts to changing circumstances. Neither is true now.

Politically, a role in Homeland Security is a credential lawmakers like to boast about, and politicians on both sides fight ferociously to protect their privileges.

"Members of Congress would just as soon give up their first-born as give up jurisdiction over the executive branch," said David Drier, a former leading Republican representative.

Top officials from both parties say this crazy quilt arrangement not only is a wasted opportunity for constructive criticism and direction but is also counterproductive, draining time and energy.

"I testified some 400-plus times," recalled Janet Napolitano, who served as secretary of Homeland Security for 4½ years under President Barack Obama. Those appearances required considerable preparation for her and other officials who were "constantly" summoned to Capitol Hill.

The multiplicity of congressional committees has led to very little strategic overview of DHS — too many hearings focused on narrow issues," she said. "I cannot possibly calculate what alleged congressional oversight cost in dollars and

time. Congress needs to fix itself where DHS is concerned."

Michael Chertoff, who was Homeland Security secretary for four years during the George W. Bush administration, also recalls hundreds of hearings and thousands of briefings each year. This slipshod approach hurts both Congress and the department, he said.

"When there is no clear direction, an agency can cherry-pick among claims," he said. "That weakens Congress."

The larger damage is the absence of "consistent guidelines on priorities." When he was Homeland Security secretary, Chertoff tried to change the focus of the Coast Guard to better reflect emerging threats. It seemed a no-brainer, until several congressional committees got involved and jealous protection of jurisdictional turf complicated necessary change.

Tom Kean, the chairman of the 9/11 Commission, said reforming congressional oversight is the only one of the report's 41 recommendations that was brushed aside.

As the commission gathers this summer for the 10th anniversary of its report to reflect and review challenges, the top priority, he said, will be to pressure the next Congress to consolidate this patchwork system into one joint committee or at least pare it down to several panels.

In the midst of partisan posturing, Kean has a simple message for House Speaker John Boehner, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and other leaders: "We are less safe because of what you haven't done."

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OPINION

Obama's 'unity' plan for Iraq is a mirage

By JACKSON DIEHL
The Washington Post

The Obama administration has developed a bad habit of founding its Middle East strategies on wishful thinking. In the past year, it has supposed that Syrian President Bashar Assad would peacefully agree to cede power at a Geneva peace conference, that the Egyptian generals who carried out a military coup would lead the country back to democracy and that Israelis and Palestinians were ready and willing to resume a final peace settlement in a matter of months.

Now the administration has a new hope: that the frighteningly extreme and war-hungry militant state that has established itself in western Iraq and eastern Syria can be tackled through the creation of a new, "inclusive" government in Baghdad that will unite Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish forces against the terrorists.

Like the administration's previous schemes, the unity government plan has the advantage of basing itself on pre-existing doctrine and of requiring little action from the United States other than diplomatic jaw-boning.

Yet as before, U.S. allies in the region are warning that the policy has little chance of succeeding — and is merely delaying a more realistic response. Judging from what they said in a visit to The Washington Post, senior Kurdish leaders gave the White House and State Department a bracing dose of straight talk last week.

Fuad Hussein, the chief of staff to the president of Iraqi Kurdistan, and Falah Mustafa Bakir, the head of the department of foreign relations, had two basic points to make: A new Iraqi government, if possible, must include the Kurds, and current Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki would drastically revising the balance of power between Baghdad and the regions; and

even if that succeeds, the defeat of militants will require more than Iraqi forces.

"We have got a new reality," said Hussein. "We have got three states in one in Iraq. We have a new state between us in Kurdistan and Baghdad. So we cannot go back to the past."

The collapse of the Iraqi army in northern and western Iraq allowed the Kurds to expand their territory by about 40 percent, including the city of Kirkuk. They also control up to a quarter of Iraq's oil production. Kurdistan now has a 643-mile border with the Islamic State, the militant entity — and only 9 miles of border with what remains of Iraq.

Pressed by Secretary of State John Kerry, the Kurds agreed to negotiate on a new central government. But they insisted they also will go forward with a referendum on "self-determination for Kurdistan." They have no intention of returning to a status in which they depend on the central government for revenue, refrain from directly exporting their own oil and defer their claim to Kirkuk.

"The Kurds are being told to lead the engagement" for a new government, Bakir said, in a not-so-subtle reference to Kerry. "In return for what?"

Even if the Kurds were more enthusiastic, the prospect of a unity government in Baghdad would be questionable. Standing in the way is al-Maliki, who appears to have the backing of Iran as well as the Assad government in Syria. This axis of Shiite hard-core forces are united in loathing the Sunni militant forces without concessions to the Kurds or moderate Sunnis. A broadly supported Shiite alternative to al-Maliki has yet to appear.

A political fix might be possible if Iran concludes that al-Maliki must go. But even then, the Kurds are unlikely to join the Islamic State, say the Kurds. "We can't do it alone," Hussein said flatly. "This is a terrorist organization. They have thou-



HADI MIZBAN/AP

Newly elected Iraqi Kurds attend the first session of parliament in the heavily fortified Green Zone in Baghdad on July 1. Iraq's new parliament ended its inaugural session after failing to make progress in choosing a new prime minister.

sands of fighters. They have got sophisticated American weapons. We are talking about rockets, artillery, tanks, even helicopters. I don't think with the current Iraqi army they can liberate that area. And our [forces] are putting our priority on defending our area, so we can't do it."

Hussein said it would take "collective action" by "a regional coalition" to eliminate the Islamic State. Then he grimly ran down the list of potential actors: Iraq, he said, would limit itself to defending Baghdad and the Shiite Holy places. Turkey, which chose not to intervene in Syria, would be

even more reluctant to fight in Iraq. And the United States? "This government is not going to send troops."

If the Kurds are right, the Middle East will be coping with an aggressive Islamic state in its midst for the foreseeable future. Kurdistan will consolidate its position as a de facto, if not de jure, independent state. And the Obama administration's strategy of re-creating a unified Iraq under a strong central government will, like its previous Middle East schemes, prove a mirage.

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Even when drone hits target, policy can miss mark

By DOYLE MCMANUS
Los Angeles Times

The drone has become America's counter-terrorism weapon of choice. But does drone warfare really further U.S. goals abroad?

To wartime strategists under both George W. Bush and Barack Obama, the new weapon, like many innovations in the history of military technology, seemed at first like a silver bullet.

Drones with lethal missiles could hover for hours over potential targets, waiting for the moment to strike. They could kill suspected terrorists with relative precision, though not, as the CIA claimed in 2011, without any civilian casualties. Best of all, drones didn't endanger American lives; the pilots were safe and snug in Djibouti or Nevada.

In an almost-invisible campaign that started modestly under Bush and expanded dramatically under Obama, the U.S. has launched more than 1,600 drone strikes in Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, Somalia, Libya and even, in one case, in the Philippines, according to Micah Zenko, of the Council on Foreign Relations.

But consider how those drone strikes appear if you are an ordinary civilian in, say, northwestern Pakistan. You know you are in constant danger; a missile may strike your home at any time without warning. It's not clear who's shooting; the war and its combatants are officially secret. It's not clear how you can avoid becoming a target; members of al-Qaida are fair game, of

course, but what are their neighbors and cousins and grocery suppliers to do? And if something goes awry, there's no one to complain to; the CIA doesn't have a customer service desk, and the government of Pakistan claims (falsely, in most cases) that it has no control over foreign missile strikes.

Drone strikes may be an efficient way to kill terrorists, but they're no way to make friends.

That's one of the messages of a stinging new report issued recently by a panel of experts convened by Washington's independent Stimson Center, a thoroughly establishment group of former officials from both Democratic and Republican administrations. Blue-ribbon commissions in Washington often pull their punches; this one, chaired by retired Army Gen. John P. Abizaid and former Pentagon official Rosa Brooks, didn't. Among its highlights:

Just because drone wars have succeeded in killing terrorists doesn't mean they're working. "The Obama administration's heavy reliance on targeted killings as a pillar of U.S. counter-terrorism strategy rests on questionable assumptions and risks increasing instability," the report warns. After a decade of drone strikes, it notes, we face more Islamic extremists, not fewer.

The widespread use of drones has created a backlash around the world, and not only in remote villages in Pakistan or Yemen. The report quotes retired Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the former U.S. commander in Afghanistan, warning that the

tactic creates resentment "much greater than the average American appreciates."

Reliance on drones for "targeted killing" has allowed the CIA and Pentagon to obscure exactly whom we are fighting. About the only thing the Obama administration has said on the subject is that it has aimed the drone program at "al-Qaida and associated forces." But, as the report notes, while U.S. targets may exercise great care in their decisions, the drone attacks still look perilously like "a secret war, governed by secret law."

Our drone policy could come back to haunt us once the U.S. loses its current near-monopoly in drone technology. China and Iran are already working on military drones, and Russia is unlikely to be far behind. If Vladimir Putin decided to use drones against anti-Russia militants in Ukraine, the report notes, "Russia could simply repeat the words used by U.S. officials defending U.S. targeted killings, asserting that it could not provide any evidence without disclosing sources and methods."

The ease of using drones makes them seductively tempting to deploy. "The increasing use of lethal drones may create a slippery slope leading to continual or wider wars," the panel warned. "[Drones] may lower the bar to enter a conflict, without increasing the likelihood of a satisfactory outcome." Obama has assiduously avoided one slippery slope, the one that leads to putting U.S. troops on the ground, but he's presided over the creation of another.

Given all those issues, the report notes, it might be a good moment for a pause in the drone wars. But don't hold your breath waiting for that to happen.

Many of the Stimson Center's findings "resonate with the administration's current policy," National Security Council spokeswoman Caitlin Hayden told me last week. "As the president said last month at West Point, the United States 'must be more transparent about both the basis of our counterterrorism actions and the manner in which they are carried out.'"

That doesn't mean the administration plans to abandon drone warfare. It has already said it may soon use the missiles on a new battlefield against the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, which has shortened its name to the Islamic State.

The Stimson Center report gives the administration a smart list of policy proposals: a systematic review of drones' costs and benefits; a commission on targeting, to show that we're very careful about whom we kill; and an effort to establish international norms for when Russia and Iran get drones some basic rules are in place.

I'll add one more: The administration should make public its enemies list. It's past time that the U.S. disclosed a list of organizations that qualify as "al-Qaida associates," and thus as legitimate targets for U.S. attack. If secrecy is necessary in some cases, keep those secrets. But even a partial list would be better than we have now: a secret war governed by secret law.

Doyle McManus is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

WORLD

GREENING NAPLES

Italian city transforms itself into a green, clean, bike-friendly destination

By PAOLO SANTALUCIA
The Associated Press

LNAPLES, Italy
uca Simeone rides his
bike along the sunny
beachfront of Naples
while his little daughter
sleeps on the baby seat.

It may sound ordinary, but this simple act is revolutionary. Three years ago Naples' seafront was an urban highway, noisy and smoggy, jammed with car traffic, while smelly trash erupted from garbage bins along streets and alleys. Urban cyclists were regarded as eco-fundamentalists.

Three years later, Naples has a new mayor, clean streets, a wide pedestrian beachfront and a 20-mile cycling lane overlooking a beautiful bay. This is the liberated beachfront ("Il lungomare liberato"), as the new mayor, Luigi De Magistris, a former prosecutor and party outsider, calls it.

The liberated beachfront quickly became a paradise for runners, cyclists and also those who love pizza or fish, with the sound of waves as background music and the island of Capri and sleepy Vesuvius volcano framing the view of the bay.

The transformation also allowed Simeone to launch a bike tour business.

"A new era has opened for those who love to ride a bicycle in our city," said Simeone. "Today we can say that speaking about sustainable and environment friendly tourism, like our project, is reality and not fantasy anymore."

Bike Tour Napoli offers both



Above left: Luca Simeone, founder of Bike Tour Napoli, pedals along a cyclists' path in Naples, Italy.

Above: French tourist Pierre Bonini, left, looks at the ceiling by Spanish architect Oscar Tusquets Blanca in Naples' Toledo metro station.

Left: People enjoy the sun and water at the Mergellina bay.

an urban route along the city's UNESCO-protected ancient center and a countryside tour, with organic food tasting included. The tours wind through tiny medieval alleys and past baroque churches, around volcanic lakes of the Pozzuoli area, the Vesuvius volcano and the breathtaking Amalfi coast. The most popular route is a ride past art nouveau villas, parks and up Posillipo hill for a view of Naples and its bay.

Anja Hayek, of Germany, and Antonio Sorace, of Italy, recent-

ly rode up the hill to enjoy the sunset. "This is the only good way to visit and know Naples," Hayek said. "I found it very nice this year, the bicycle lanes and the pedestrian area by the sea. I found it very beautiful."

Sorace added that "visiting Naples by car is impossible due to the traffic. By car you can't enjoy the alleys and it is difficult to breathe."

Naples is planning to extend the cycling lanes into the suburbs.

For Simeone, the success of his tours represents more than just business. It's also a way to stop the brain drain. Youth unemployment in Naples is 50 percent. Migration abroad or to the industrialized north is the norm as talented young people leave to find work. The local mafia syndicate Camorra has long taken advantage of the lack of jobs to gain recruits for illegal businesses.

But the green revolution gives hope to those like Simeone

who want to erase the image of Naples as a city of garbage and pollution.

"We bet on a revolution of transportation," De Magistris said from his office overlooking the port and a new metro construction site. He recalled his parents trying to squash a childhood love of cycling, saying, "Stop this passion, because in Naples you can't ride a bicycle in the streets."

Now, more locals are using bike lanes, pedestrian areas have been improved, and some 2.4 million visitors are staying in Naples hotels each year, with the numbers growing.

The expansion of the metro system will add to the environmental improvements for this city of 1 million (4 million in the metro area). The metro also connects riders to art. At the Toledo station, a ride down the escalators reveals works of bright blue representing the sea.

"Oh, it is very beautiful. It is like plunging into the sea," said Pierre Bonini, a tourist from Paris, at the bottom of the escalator.

But pure blue water is not just an art motif. Thanks to improved wastewater management, pollution has been reduced and vast stretches of the coast have been reclaimed. Neapolitans and tourists now swim again in the bay.

Young kayak enthusiasts have launched Kayak Napoli. A few motorboat tours had previously been offered, but they were not allowed to enter the marine park of La Gaioia and the Trentaremi bay, which contains submerged ruins of ancient Roman villas.



Tourists take a sunset kayak tour along Posillipo coastline in Naples, Italy.

PHOTOS BY SALVATORE LAPORTA/AP

SHIFTING GEARS

Websites take the hassle out of car-buying

Internet helps shoppers arm themselves with information

By DEE-ANN DURBIN
The Associated Press

DETROIT—Want to take some of the stress and mystery out of the car-buying process? Get on the Internet.

Auto websites, once filled mostly with reviews and advice, are getting more sophisticated, connecting potential buyers with dealers and offering instant price guarantees. Some let buyers estimate their trade-in values and turn in credit applications online. One company even lets buyers complete the entire sale online and get cars delivered to their door.

The Internet lets shoppers enter a showroom armed with the same information as a dealer, said Chantel Lenard, Ford Motor Co.'s U.S. marketing director. Sites let buyers configure their vehicles, see what others paid and estimate the trade-in value of their current car or truck. They could even walk into a dealership with a price locked in.

"It's truly become an equalizer in the shopping and negotiating process," Lenard said at a recent Ford event.

The no-haggle approach can have a downside. In person, a dealer might drop the price even further, or throw in extras like floor mats or a satellite radio subscription. But for many consumers, the convenience is worth it. And the multiple sites that let you check deals can help assure you're getting a fair price.

Auto sites are rapidly adding features and content to attract buyers. For example, an upcoming mobile app from TrueCar.com will let shoppers submit photos and information about their used car to dealers, who will bid to buy it.

Here are some of the best places to shop for cars on the Web:

■ **Edmunds.com** (<http://www.edmunds.com>) got its start in 1966 as a paperback car-pricing guide. It won the highest ranking in J.D. Power's 2014 survey of car shopping sites based on content, ease of navigation, appearance and speed. Edmunds lets buyers shop for new and used cars and also offers reviews and advice.

Once buyers choose a car and trim level, they can see the average price paid for that car in their area and get an estimated price from Edmunds. A 2014 Hyundai Sonata SE is estimated at \$23,760 in Chicago, for example, or \$540 less than Hyundai's suggested retail price.

Shoppers who enter their name, email and phone number can get a specific, locked-in price



Above: A screen shot shows a TrueCar Price Report for a 2014 Chevrolet Cruze. Right: A screen shot shows an Edmunds.com Price Promise report for a 2014 Ford Focus. Auto websites have grown from simple reviews and advice to offering services ranging from connecting potential buyers with dealers, instant price guarantees and financing options to completing the entire sale online.

from dealers before heading to the showroom. Dealers pay Edmunds a monthly fee to be part of the network.

J.D. Power also gives high marks to Cars.com, which connects shoppers to dealers who offer a quote; U.S. News Best Cars, which ranks cars and tracks deals; and Kelley Blue Book, which determines a price buyers should expect to pay based on local demand, seasonal trends and other factors. Kelley Blue Book says the 2014 Hyundai Sonata SE should range between \$22,845 and \$23,602 in Chicago.

■ **TrueCar** (<http://www.truecar.com>), which was founded in 2008, monitors millions of transactions to determine the average price of a car in your zip code. For example, the site estimates a 2014 Hyundai Sonata SE will cost \$20,392 at a TrueCar certified dealer in the Chicago area. In Atlanta, TrueCar dealers will likely offer the same car for \$21,369.

Potential buyers get a guaranteed price they can take to a certified dealer. In return, dealers pay TrueCar \$299 for every new vehicle sold through the site and

\$399 for every used vehicle.

TrueCar says nearly 400,000 people bought cars through its 7,700 certified dealers last year.

John Kraficz, TrueCar's president, said it takes around three hours to finalize a car purchase. To ease consumers' frustration, the industry wants to whittle that down to an hour.

■ **General Motors' Stop-Click-Drive program** (<http://shopclickdrive.com/>) lets buyers shop via local dealer websites, estimate the value of a trade-in, estimate monthly payments, turn in a credit application and set up a time to pick up the car at the dealership. The program is good for Chevrolet, Buick, Cadillac and GMC vehicles and was expanded to all 50 states last year.

GM says it has sold more than 3,700 new vehicles through the site, which is offered through 40 percent of the company's 4,300 U.S. dealers.

■ **Carvana** (www.carvana.com) is perhaps the most radical model, allowing buyers to bypass dealers entirely. Shoppers can browse Carvana's used-car inventory,

apply for financing through its partners and arrange for pick-up or delivery—all online.

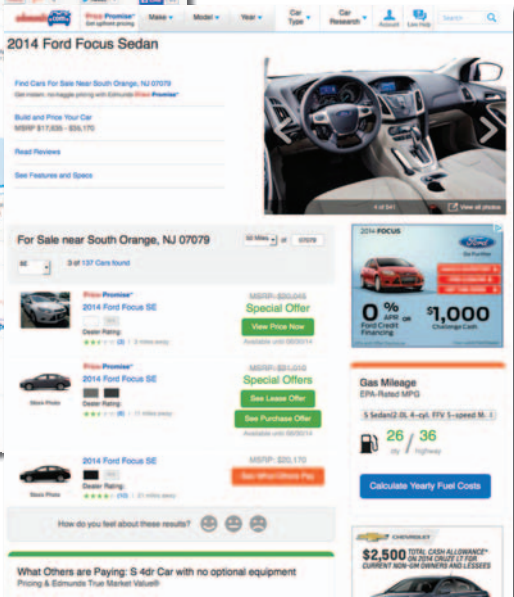
Buyers can choose to pick up their car at Carvana's "vending machine," a three-bay garage in Atlanta. They're given a special code to open the door and hop in their car.

Carvana will also deliver a car anywhere in the country. A delivery to Chicago, for example, costs \$600; delivery in Atlanta or Nashville, home of the company's distribution center, is free.

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NATION

Solemn honor

Stone carver shapes CIA's Memorial Wall

By IAN SHAPIRA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A crowd of CIA employees gathered in the agency lobby in Langley, Va., in May as the stone carver stood before the Memorial Wall.

Tim Johnston scanned the white marble displaying 107 black stars, one for each agency operative or employee killed in the line of duty, a chronicle of assassinations, suicide bombings, plane crashes and other losses that he adds to each year. With a chisel and an air-powered hammer, Johnston began carving four more stars into the gleaming Alabama marble, just below the words, "In Honor Of Those Members Of The Central Intelligence Agency Who Gave Their Lives In The Service Of Their Country."

Even the agency's director, John Brennan, came to the lobby to watch Johnston, 59, from northern Virginia, who began his masonry career cutting bathroom tiles.

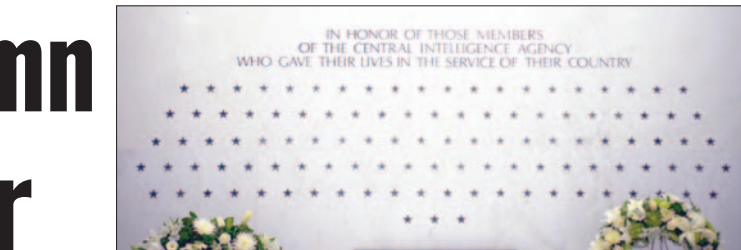
"I never know who's there. I don't know if they're spies," said Johnston, who has been carving stars into the wall since the late 1980s and always performs the duty a week or two in advance of the agency's annual memorial ceremony. He considers the CIA "family."

"It's all for them," he said. "It's all about them."

So many have died in recent years that the Memorial Wall — the CIA's version of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial — is running out of room for stars within its original, minimalist design. At some point soon, the agency may have to ask Johnston to carve stars into the empty space above the memorial's inscription, a decision the agency has wrestled with for several years, he said.

For many at the CIA, Johnston embodies the emotions that the wall inspires. He is the little-known tradesman whose work honors those who specialize in tradecraft. It's a task that Johnston hates must be done, yet he is grateful he is the one to do it.

"You almost feel like you're dealing with a person who is not just the sculptor of the Memorial Wall and stars, but in many ways is kind of the keeper of the flame," said Leon Panetta, who endured



The CIA Memorial Wall in the main lobby of the agency's headquarters in Langley, Va., has stars representing agents and employees killed in the line of duty.



PHOTOS BY JOHN McDONNELL/The Washington Post

Stone carver Tim Johnston uses a pneumatic chisel in May at his workshop in Manassas, Va., as he creates a star for the CIA Memorial Wall.

the loss of many operatives when he was CIA director, including seven killed by a suicide bomber in Afghanistan in 2009. "He's the guy who, by virtue of having to carve each star, has had to feel the meaning of what we're doing and the tradition of what we're doing."

The CIA's main lobby, with its enormous seal on the floor and its field of stars on the north wall, fuels the agency's mythology and public image. It's here where, for a touch of CIA verité, Hollywood has either filmed scenes or copied its look by building mock headquarters. (Fans of Showtime's hit

series "Homeland" can even purchase black T-shirts with white stars in a nod to the third-season finale's last scene, in front of the Memorial Wall.) It's here where the agency director swears in new officers. And it's here every spring where employees and family members take seats facing the rows of black stars to commemorate the CIA's fallen.

George Tenet, whose seven-year tenure as CIA director coincided with the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, said he'd usually go downstairs from his office to watch Johnston work his chisel in the days leading to the ceremony.

"I want to go see this. I want to meet this man," Tenet said he'd tell himself. "So, I'd slip down the director's elevator to the lobby because it was a way to connect me with what I was going to say at the memorial ceremony."

Hardly anyone except employees can see Johnston carve into the wall, not even parents or widows whose loved ones he honors. (In fact, only people with official agency business can even visit the memorial.)

Shannon Spann, whose husband, Johnny "Mike" Spann, was the first American killed in Afghanistan after the Sept. 11 attacks, saw Johnston engrave her husband's star. One day several months after Mike's death, Shannon, who then worked at the CIA as a terrorist targeter, was alerted that Johnston was in the lobby, about to engrave the wall's 79th star for her husband.

She hurried down. She stood to Johnston's left, she remembered, and watched without saying a word.

"I don't know if Mr. Johnston knows this, but to me, personally, this was a more important time than the actual ceremony," she said.

Manassas Granite & Marble is

about 30 miles west of Langley. There, Johnston and his team make custom-designed bathrooms and kitchen countertops. Once every spring, he creates star replicas to be given to grieving CIA families at the memorial ceremony.

In early May, it was time for Johnston to make the replicas — white marble square bricks engraved with black stars. Because he was adding four stars to the Memorial Wall, he also had to make four keepsake stars.

With the May 19 memorial ceremony looming, Johnston waited for the CIA to let him know where on the wall the agency wanted the four new stars. Would he be asked to start a sixth row? Mix the four new stars into the existing five rows? Or — in a break with tradition — add stars above the memorial's inscription?

Panetta remembers debating whether to ask Johnston to carve stars above the words, but the former director decided against it.

"You hope that maybe one day we won't have to add stars because we'll be living in a more peaceful world," Panetta said. "But we know the reality of and the nature of the mission."



In addition to the stars on the Memorial Wall, Johnston also carves star replicas to be given to grieving CIA families at the memorial ceremony.

AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Boating imposter calls for help on stolen yacht

CA NEWPORT BEACH, — A Southern California man managed to convince authorities he was a respectable yachtsman long enough to make off with a \$3 million luxury boat for a day, police said.

Newport Beach police allege that Richard Rodriguez, 32, broke into the 78-foot Stimulus last week, found keys inside and headed to sea. He became wedged between docks and radioed for help, the Orange County Register reported Friday.

Rodriguez looked like he knew the boat and raised no suspicion when the harbor patrol helped him, a sheriff's spokesman said. The man told deputies the boat was registered to a California corporation.

The next day, authorities learned the yacht was stolen, and Rodriguez was spotted near Long Beach Harbor. Authorities allege that he later attempted to ram a police boat before he was caught and sent to jail.

Immigration activist to hand out flashlights

AZ TUCSON — Immigrant rights advocates set up water stations across the desert and spend days looking for people in distress aimed at stopping deaths as they try to cross illegally into the United States.

The Arizona Daily Star reported that Robin Hoover, founder of the group Humane Borders, now plans to distribute flashlights.

He plans to work with a local church just across the border in Mexico to pass out the high-powered flashlights to would-be border crossers before they embark on the dangerous journey. The lights are equipped with a powerful beam and a flashing S.O.S. function to call for help.

Hoover said he hopes the plans saves some lives.

Twin first-time dads' babies share due date

AL FLORENCE — As brothers growing up identical twins Andy and Jon McAlpin, of Florence, did just about everything together.

Now, it seems, they'll become fathers together. Andy's wife, Katie McAlpin, and Jon's wife, Becca McAlpin, are both pregnant. Both babies are due Sept. 27.

Katie said they learned they were expecting and called all the siblings to tell them.

"Jon's reaction was pretty funny, and a few days later we found out why," Katie said.

"We said the baby was due on September 27, and then about three days later they called us and said their baby is due on September 27."

There are all kinds of crazy twin stories online, Katie said, "but there are no stories that any of us have found where identical twin brothers are expecting babies on the same due date."

It's not uncommon for babies to be born early or late. Due dates are just estimates.

THE CENSUS

\$12K

The maximum rebate a southeastern Minnesota city will pay people to build a home there. Officials in the city of Harmony, population 1,020, began the rebate deal after learning that they were losing young professionals to other cities. The problem, they determined, was that most homes on the market in Harmony are old and need work, and not attractive to the younger generation. Thus, the incentive program was born. Harmony's offer ranges from \$5,000 to build a house worth \$125,000 to \$12,000 for a \$250,000 home. The city boasts at least 15 lots that are "basically shovel-ready," priced around \$14,000, officials said. Lots with dilapidated, vacant homes could also qualify.



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

Anime in action

People dressed as characters from the video game "Borderlands 2," a violent first-person shooter, and other anime characters gather at Anime Expo 2014 at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Thursday. The expo, which ran through Sunday, is the largest anime, manga and Japanese culture convention in North America.

9/11 firefighter's flag returned with apology

NY HUNTINGTON STATION — An American flag stolen from the family of a firefighter killed on Sept. 11 has been returned with a note that says: "I am so sorry, I had no idea."

NBC New York reported that the flag was returned Thursday. It has resumed flying on the porch of Melissa Bregel's home in Huntington Station on New York's Long Island.

The family believes the flag was stolen last Monday or early Tuesday. Bregel said the September 11th Families Association gave her the flag after it flew over the World Trade Center ruins.

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Potential midair plane collision is averted

TX HOUSTON — Federal Aviation Administra-

tion authorities said air traffic controllers at a Houston airport averted a potential midair collision of two planes.

The incident happened Thursday night 10 miles northeast of Bush Intercontinental Airport, when a Singapore Airlines 777 jumbo jet and Delta Airlines A320 came about a half-mile horizontally and about 200 feet vertically of each other. Federal guidelines say aircraft should be separated a half-mile horizontally and 3 miles horizontally.

Lynn Lunsford, of the FAA, told the Houston Chronicle that an air traffic controller noticed the danger and gave pilots instructions. Lunsford said they have taken steps to ensure flight crews are aware of the guidelines.

Recipe lands invitation to White House dinner

IL PALATINE — A 12-year-old suburban Chicago girl has a dinner date at the White House with Michelle Obama. Tess Boghossian, of Palatine,

landed the invitation with a soup recipe.

The (Arlington Heights) Daily Herald reported that she's one of 54 winners of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge. It's part of the first lady's campaign against childhood obesity. There were 1,500 entries.

The sixth-grader dubbed her dish Lincoln's Inaugural Soup. It includes quinoa, veggies, white beans and skinless chicken breast. A blend of spices and lemon juice give it its kick.

The White House event, called the Kids' State Dinner, will be held July 18.

1 dead, 4 hurt in shooting at strip club

OR PORTLAND — Police officials have released the names of the man who was killed in a gang-related shooting at a Portland strip club.

Hahrahcio Roy Branch, 26, was taken early Saturday to a Portland hospital, where he later died from his injuries, the Portland

Police Bureau said.

The shooting happened in the parking lot of Soobie's Bar & Grill Strip Club shortly after 3 a.m., authorities said.

Four other victims were transported to area hospitals and trauma centers with non-life-threatening injuries and are expected to recover, police said.

Pot advocates checking petition to force vote

KS WICHITA — A group of Wichita marijuana advocates is counting petition signatures to see if there are enough to force a citywide vote on decriminalizing pot in the community.

Petitioners are trying to gather nearly 3,000 valid signatures on a petition that would give voters a chance in November to ask for sharply lower punishments for marijuana possession.

The maximum criminal penalty of \$2,500 and a year in jail would be reduced to a \$25 civil fine.

From wire reports

FACES



HANS PENNING, INVISION/AP

Paul McCartney performs during his Out There tour on July 5 in Albany, N.Y. It was his first show since being hospitalized for a viral infection. "It's great to be back," McCartney, 72, said.

By DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

Paul McCartney returned to a concert stage July 5 after being sidelined for two months because of a virus, spinning out songs from the Beatles, Wings and a solo career that has spanned more than 50 years of rock 'n' roll.

"It's great to be back," said McCartney, who turned 72 two weeks ago. He looked none the worse for wear, putting on a show of just under three hours with 38 songs before finishing with the three-song medley that ends the "Abbey Road" album.

McCartney was briefly hospitalized in Tokyo in May because of the viral infection. The illness forced him to cancel a Japanese tour and a concert in South Korea and reschedule half a dozen June dates in the U.S. before resuming his Out There tour in Albany, N.Y. Before his illness, McCartney last performed May 1 in Costa Rica.

McCartney opened with the Beatles' "Eight Days a Week." He wore black jeans and a sky blue blazer. When he took the jacket off four songs in, he joked that it was the only wardrobe change of the evening.

The crowd-pleasing show contained a mix of ex-

pected hits like "Hey Jude" and "Let it Be," four songs from McCartney's latest album and a generous sampling from more obscure corners of his catalog, including the Beatles' songs "Lovely Rita" and "Being for the Benefit of Mr. Kite" and Wings work such as "Another Day" and "1985." Most of the 1980s and 1990s were passed over.

He paid tribute to the two late members of the Beatles, singing "Here Today" to former songwriting partner John Lennon, which McCartney described as the conversation they never had. He began playing George Harrison's song "Something" on the ukulele, and it built into a full band rendition.

McCartney's wife, Nancy, was on hand, and he dedicated the song "My Valentine" to her.

Perhaps one oblique reference to his absence was the new song "On My Way to Work," which McCartney said he hadn't performed publicly before.

During his second encore, he brought a couple from Rochester, N.Y., onstage after the woman held up a sign saying her boyfriend wouldn't marry her until he met McCartney. After the man led the audience in a verse of "When I'm 64" to honor his age, he went to his knees and successfully proposed. "And he booked us for the wedding," McCartney joked.

Box office bust

'Transformers' tops 'Tammy' during weak holiday weekend

By JAKE COYLE
The Associated Press

The Fourth of July went off like a dud at the box office, as the Michael Bay sequel "Transformers: Age of Extinction" and the Melissa McCarthy comedy "Tammy" led the weakest summer holiday weekend in at least a decade.

The North American box office was down a whopping 44 percent over the July Fourth weekend last year, when "Despicable Me 2" and "The Lone Ranger" opened.

This weekend sputtered not because of an oversized bomb like "The Lone Ranger," but because of numerous factors, including that Hollywood simply didn't aim for big fireworks this year. The holdover "Transformers" led all films with an estimated \$36.4 million, while "Tammy" had a below-expectations Friday-to-Sunday haul of \$21.2 million.

"This ranks as one of the lowest Fourth of Julys ever," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker Rentrak. "We always think of Fourth of July being a big weekend. This year, we just have to lick our wounds and look forward to 'Planet of the Apes' and some other films to get us back on track."

Paramount's "Transformers," the fourth in the series, opened the weekend prior to the year's biggest debut with \$100 million. The movie, with a rebuffed cast, dropped 63 percent in its second week of release despite relatively little competition.

Overseas, "Age of Extinction" is performing exception-

ally well. It added \$95.8 million from 37 territories for a two-week worldwide gross of \$575.6 million. It's set to soon become the highest grossing film ever in China, with already more than \$200 million in box office sales. The new Transformers was partially shot in China.

New Line's R-rated, Midwest road trip romp "Tammy" boasts one of the most bankable stars in movies — McCarthy — but is a smaller, homespun movie made for just \$20 million and directed by McCarthy's husband, Ben Falcone. Despite being savaged by critics, the Warner Bros. release made \$32.9 million in five days since opening Wednesday.

"Why the weekend was so weak in terms of competition is hard to tell," said Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros., who said he was very pleased with the performance of "Tammy." "It's just the way things fell."

The other new wide release was the horror flick "Deliver Us From Evil," which had no blockbuster ambitions. The Sony Screen Gems release, starring Eric Bana, opened in third with \$9.5 million.

Such movies are a far cry from the usual Independence Day fare, which has in the past included the opening weekends of "Spider-Man 2," "War of the Worlds," two earlier Transformers releases and, naturally, "Independence Day."

But this year's July Fourth fell on Friday, an already lucrative movie-going day, and thus did little to add incentive for blockbusters. The World Cup, too, might have scared off some big releases.

Ford injury to halt 'Star Wars' for 2 weeks

The Associated Press

Harrison Ford's injury will cause production on "Star Wars: Episode VII" to be suspended for two weeks.

Disney announced Sunday that shooting would be halted for two weeks in August to adjust the production schedule following Ford's injury. The 71-year-old broke his leg in June during filming of the much-anticipated sequel at Pinewood Studios outside of London.

Disney had said earlier that Ford's injury wouldn't cause any delays. The studio said Sunday that "Episode VII" is still on track to wrap in the fall and be released in December 2015.

The accident involved a spacecraft door on the Millennium Falcon falling on Ford's leg. His recuperation was expected to take up to two months.

Other news

■ Dolly Parton wants to take an unlikely fan home. Dolly the dog was abandoned after the country music legend's performance at the Glastonbury

festival last month. The dog was being fostered Monday by the Happy Landings animal shelter. Parton has pledged to adopt the dog, which staff at the shelter named in her honor.

■ Singer and TV personality Jessica Simpson married retired NFL player Eric Johnson on July 5 at San Ysidro Ranch in Montecito, Calif., her publicist Lauren Auslander confirms. Simpson and Johnson began dating in 2010 and have a two-year-old daughter, Maxwell, and a one-year-old son Ace.

■ Police have cited rapper Flavor Flav for his annual Fourth of July fireworks show outside his Las Vegas home. He has been accused of setting off thousands of dollars' worth of illegal fireworks at his holiday parties since 2009. Police put a stop to the show when neighbors called to complain shortly after it started.

■ Country singer Billy Ray Cyrus honored Nevada teacher Michael Landsberry, who was killed by a 12-year-old student in a schoolyard shooting last year, calling him a "true American hero." Cyrus presented a memorial plaque to his widow, Sharon, during a concert July 5 in Incline Village, Nev.



MATT ROURKE/AP

In the house

The Roots' Black Thought, left, and Questlove perform during the Philly 4th of July Jam on July 4 in Philadelphia. The Roots worked as the house band for acts including Nicki Minaj and Ed Sheeran at the annual free concert. The event also featured Jennifer Hudson and Aloe Blacc.

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TSA eyeing US-bound travelers' phones

By Will Lester
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Passengers at some overseas airports that offer U.S.-bound flights will soon be required to power on their electronic devices in order to board their flights. The measure is intended to enhance aviation security at a time of increased threats.

The Transportation Security Administration said it is adding the requirement that passengers coming to the U.S. from some airports must turn on devices such as cellphones before boarding. It says devices that won't power up won't be allowed on planes and those travelers may have to undergo additional screening.

"As the traveling public knows, all electronic devices are screened by security officers," the TSA said in the Sunday release announcing the new steps.

American intelligence officials have been concerned about new al-Qaida efforts to produce a bomb that goes undetected

through airport security. There is no indication that such a bomb has been created or that there's a specific threat to the U.S.

"We felt that it was important to crank it up some at the last point of departure airports."

Jeh Johnson
Homeland Security secretary

TSA does not conduct screening abroad, but has the ability to set screening criteria and processes for flights flying to the U.S. from abroad, according to a Homeland Security Department official, who was not allowed to discuss the changes publicly and spoke

on condition of anonymity.

Aviation remains an attractive target to global terrorists, who are consistently looking for ways to circumvent airport security measures, the DHS official said. Some details on specific enhancements and locations are sensitive because U.S. officials do not want to give information "to those who would do us harm," the official said.

During an interview aired Sunday on NBC's "Meet The Press," Johnson declined to speculate on whether new security procedures called for overseas will be required at domestic airports in the future.

"We continue to evaluate things," he said. "The screening we have right domestically from one domestic airport to another is pretty robust, as the American traveling public knows. In this instance we felt that it was important to crank it up some at the last point of departure airports, and we'll continually evaluate the situation."

The TSA will not disclose which airports will be conducting the additional screening.

American intelligence officials said last week that they have picked up indications that bomb makers from Yemen-based al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula have traveled to Syria to link up with al-Qaida affiliate there.

Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula long has been fixated on bringing down airplanes with hidden explosives. It was behind failed and thwarted plots involving suicide bombers with explosives designed to be hidden inside underwear and explosives secreted inside printer cartridges shipped on cargo planes.

Over the past year, Americans and others from the West have traveled to Syria to join the fight against the Syrian government. The fear is that a fighter with a U.S. or other Western passport, who therefore may be subject to less stringent security screening, could carry such a bomb onto an American plane.

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Euro costs (July 8)	\$1.3945
Dollar buys (July 8)	€0.7171
British pound (July 8)	\$1.75
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British pound	\$1.7121
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China (Yuan)	6.2040
Denmark (Krone)	6.4643
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.3596/0.7355
Hong Kong (dollar)	7.5902
Hungary (Forint)	227.75
Israel (Shekel)	3.4216
Japan (Yen)	101.86
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2820
Norway (Krone)	6.1680
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Poland (Zloty)	3.05
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7596
Singapore (Dollar)	1.2467
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Turkey (Lira)	1,1304

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Tuesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Texas	55	72	Cldy	Chatanooga	92	70	PCldy	Fort Wayne	79	61	Rain	Louisville	87	66	Rain
Akron, Ohio	78	63	Rain	Cheyenne	76	54	PCldy	Fresno	106	71	Clr	Lubbock	93	69	Clr
Albany, N.Y.	88	67	Cldy	Chicago	81	64	Cldy	Goodland	84	61	PCldy	Macon	95	70	PCldy
Albuquerque	91	68	PCldy	Cincinnati	84	67	Rain	Grand Junction	77	57	Rain	Madison	78	57	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	89	69	Cldy	Cleveland	80	66	Rain	Grand Rapids	77	57	Rain	Medford	102	66	PCldy
Amarillo	87	66	Cldy	Colorado Springs	77	56	Cldy	Great Falls	84	58	Clr	Memphis	93	73	Cldy
Anchorage	63	55	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	97	74	PCldy	Green Bay	74	54	Cldy	Miami Beach	89	78	Rain
Asheville	87	66	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	94	72	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	73	51	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	95	70	Clr
Atlanta	90	71	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	82	67	Rain	Hartford	92	73	Cldy	Mpls-St Paul	75	57	PCldy
Atlantic City	94	76	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	91	69	PCldy	Hartford Springfield	92	73	Cldy	Missoula	95	57	Clr
Austin	71	51	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	94	75	PCldy	Helena	88	61	Cldy	Mobile	72	50	PCldy
Bismarck	79	55	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	98	78	PCldy	Honolulu	87	75	PCldy	Montgomery	94	71	PCldy
Baltimore	92	73	Cldy	Dayton	82	65	Rain	Houston	92	75	Cldy	Nashville	93	72	Cldy
Baton Rouge	92	74	PCldy	Daytona Beach	91	75	Cldy	Huntsville	92	72	PCldy	New Orleans	91	76	PCldy
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Bridgeport	92	74	PCldy	Elkins	81	61	Rain	Knoxville	90	67	Cldy	Oakdale	87	69	Rain
Brownsville	94	78	Cldy	Erie	80	65	Rain	Lansing	90	75	PCldy	Omaha	82	69	PCldy
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Caribou, Maine	85	63	PCldy	Fairbanks	73	55	Cldy	Lincoln	83	61	PCldy	Pendleton	99	69	Clr
Charleston, S.C.	94	75	Cldy	Fargo	75	55	PCldy	Little Rock	92	72	PCldy	Philadelphia	93	75	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	94	75	Cldy	Flagstaff	80	53	Cldy	Los Angeles	82	66	Cldy	Phoenix	104	84	PCldy
Charleston, W.Va.	89	69	Rain	Flint	77	57	Rain	Los Angeles	82	66	Cldy	Pittsburgh	79	66	Rain
Charlotte, N.C.	93	70	PCldy	Fort Smith	96	73	PCldy								

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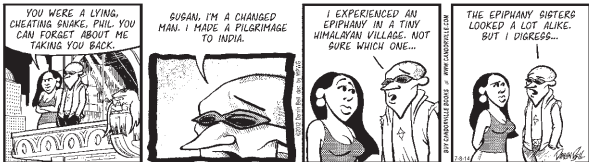
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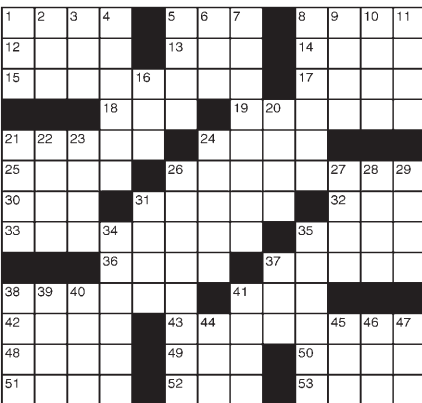
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Eugene Sheffer Crossword



ACROSS

- 1 Con game
- 5 "Skip to My —"
- 8 Mineral scale eponym
- 12 "Dear me!"
- 13 Possess
- 14 Western state
- 15 Octopus arm
- 17 Ireland
- 18 Wapiti
- 19 Jug or cup
- 21 Odor
- 24 Close up tightly
- 25 Golf statistics
- 26 Causes of stress
- 30 Boxing legend
- 31 Toast topping
- 32 "Humbbug"
- 33 Rosemary
- 35 Donate

DOWN

- 1 Drunkard
- 2 "Evita" narrator
- 3 Raggedy doll
- 4 Roadside stopovers
- 5 Tress
- 6 Hooler
- 7 In an erratic way
- 8 Rolled oats
- 9 Elevator name
- 10 Tortoise's rival
- 11 Writer
- 12 Silverstein
- 16 Everything
- 20 Simple
- 21 Argument
- 22 Guy alternative
- 23 Ms. Brockovich
- 24 Verbs
- 26 Wood eaters
- 27 Theater trophy
- 28 Almost black
- 29 "— Funny That Way"
- 31 Billie — King
- 34 Beverages
- 35 Trio of mythic sisters
- 37 Shell game item
- 38 South Pacific island
- 39 "— old cowhand ..."
- 40 Punt
- 41 Recognized
- 44 Historic period
- 45 401(k)
- 46 Gratitude
- 47 "Absolutely"

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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GCPGBCG: MYRFBG PTR.
Yesterday's Cryptquip: WHEN APOLLO
OR SATURN PUTS ON DIFFERENT CLOTHES, I
WOULD CALL THAT THE CHANGING OF THE GOD.
Today's Cryptquip Clue: O equals F

WORLD CUP

Dutch keeper defends tactics in shootout

By STEPHEN WADE
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Netherlands goalkeeper Tim Krul insists he did nothing wrong in confronting Costa Rica's penalty takers during a World Cup quarterfinal shootout.

Krul's crucial two saves on Sunday night followed his novel tactic that tested FIFA's guidelines on fair play. The substitute goalie faced up to opponents at the penalty spot and repeatedly told them he knew where they'd place their shots.

"I don't think I have done anything wrong," Krul said at a team news conference. "I haven't shouted at them in an aggressive manner. I haven't done anything crazy. I just told them I knew where they are going."

The Dutch team's 4-3 shootout win after a 0-0 draw set up a semifinal against Argentina.

Krul said he would do the same again if Wednesday's match goes to a shootout and he again gets substituted in for Jasper Cillessen, who is expected to start in the Dutch goal.

"I am trying obviously to get into their heads and it worked," said Krul, who instantly entered World Cup lore, both as a rare replacement and for his trash talk. "I use everything in my power to make it happen."

Krul said he learned just before the match that he might be called on in a penalty shootout. Cillessen said he was not told.

"The manager and the goalie



MATT DUNHAM/AP

Netherlands' goalkeeper Tim Krul celebrates after a save on a penalty attempt by Costa Rica's Bryan Ruiz during their World Cup quarterfinal match on Saturday. Krul made two saves in the shootout, helped by shouting at the opposing player before the kick, which some believe tested FIFA's guidelines on fair play.

coach told me before the game that if we had another substitution left it was a possible he would use me in the penalty shootout," Krul said. "So obviously for me the whole game I was watching it with a different view."

Krul said it had been "difficult" sitting on the bench the entire World Cup and watching Cillessen play, craving his chance to start a match.

"I'm really pleased the manager showed confidence in me to put me in a quarterfinal of a World Cup," Krul said. "That's something to be really proud of. There is no jealousy, but I would love to play. There is nothing better than playing for your country, but Jasper is our No. 1 at the moment."

Asked if his late appearance in extra time unsettled the Costa

Rica team, Krul said it probably did.

"When I started my warm up the whole bench was kind of confused what is going on," he said, recalling Costa Rica coach Jorge Luis Pinto reaction to Dutch coach Louis van Gaal's move.

"If you see their manager's face, he was looking at our manager," Krul said. "His face was priceless, I think."

Scoreboard

Semifinals

Tuesday
At Belo Horizonte, Brazil
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Wednesday
At Sao Paulo
Netherlands vs. Argentina
THIRD PLACE
Saturday
At Brasilia, Brazil
Semifinal losers
FINAL
Sunday
At Rio De Janeiro
Semifinal winners

Leaders

Individual scoring		
Player, country	Gms	G
James Rodriguez, Colombia	5	6
Thomas Mueller, Germany	5	6
Lionel Messi, Argentina	5	4
Neymar, Brazil	5	4
Karim Benzema, France	4	5
Arjen Robben, Netherlands	3	5
Enner Valencia, Ecuador	3	3
Robin van Persie, Netherlands	4	4
Xherdan Shaqiri, Switzerland	3	4
Abdelmoumene Djabou, Algeria	3	2
Memphis Depay, Netherlands	3	2
Ivan Perisic, Croatia	3	2
Gervinho, Ivory Coast	3	2
Asamoah Gyan, Ghana	3	2
Islam Slimani, Algeria	4	2
Alexis Sanchez, Chile	3	2
David Luiz, Brazil	3	2
Tim Cahill, Australia	3	2
Wilfried Bony, Ivory Coast	3	2
Luis Suarez, Uruguay	3	2
Mario Mandzukic, Croatia	3	2
Jackson Martinez, Colombia	4	2
Andre Ayew, Ghana	4	2
Ahmed Musa, Nigeria	4	2
Mats Hummels, Germany	4	2
Clint Dempsey, United States	4	2
Bryan Ruiz, Costa Rica	5	2
Other American scorers		
Jermaine Jones	4	1
Dakarius Nwankwo	4	1
John Brooks	1	1
Team scoring		
Country	Goals	
Colombia	12	
Netherlands	11	
France	10	
Germany	10	
Brazil	10	
Argentina	9	
Switzerland	7	
Algeria	7	
Belgium	7	
United States	7	

Argentina to lose Di Maria for semis

By KARL RITTER
The Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Argentina midfielder Angel Di Maria has been ruled out of the World Cup semifinal against the Netherlands with a thigh injury while striker Sergio Aguero has been declared fit to play after recovering from a similar problem.

Di Maria limped off the field in the first half of Argentina's quarterfinal win over Belgium after straining a muscle in the back of his right thigh.

Team doctor Daniel Martinez on Sunday said tests showed it was a "first-degree" strain — the mildest kind but added that Di Maria wouldn't be fit to play in Wednesday's semifinal. Martinez said Aguero, who sustained a similar injury 10 days ago, had recovered in the "excellent way."

Losing Di Maria is a big blow for Argentina as it prepares for its first World Cup semifinal since 1990. Besides Lionel Messi, he's been the team's most influential player in Brazil.

Di Maria scored the extra-time winner against Switzerland in the second round and set up Gonzalo



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Higuain's winning goal in the first half against Belgium on Saturday. "He's a key player in this project," Higuain said of Di Maria.

The last time Argentina reached the World Cup semifinals was 24 years ago in Italy, losing to West Germany 1-0 in the final. Coach Alejandro Sabella said being among the final four was the "minimum" that Argentina expected out of this World Cup after being eliminated in the quarterfinals in 2006 and 2010.

Sabella made two key changes to the lineup against Belgium, fielding Manchester City defender Martin Demichelis for the first



VICTOR R. CANAVAN/AP

Midfielder Angel Di Maria's first-degree thigh strain will keep him out of Argentina's World Cup semifinal against the Netherlands on Wednesday.

time in Brazil, and having Lucas Biglia replace Fernando Gago in the midfield.

With left back Marcos Rojo returning from suspension, Argentina's defense should be in even better shape for the semifinal. However, the attack is bound to suffer without Di Maria.

FIFA threatens Nigeria with ban for interference

By GERALD IMRAY
The Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Nigeria is not backing down after removing its entire national football federation leadership, ignoring a FIFA directive and moving closer to a ban from internationals for the reigning African champion.

A weekend meeting of soccer and government officials in the capital Abuja endorsed the earlier firing of Nigeria Football Federation President Aminu Maigari and his executive committee for not solving a player payment dispute during the World Cup. Officials said in a statement Sunday they were planning new elections.

The NFF is now being led by an official appointed by the sports minister.

World body FIFA, which doesn't allow governments to interfere in football affairs, said it would not recognize Saturday's meeting and has given Nigeria until Tuesday to reinstate Maigari or face sanctions. That would likely involve banning the country's national team and clubs from playing in continental or international tournaments, and could leave players such as Chelsea's John Obi Mikel and Liverpool's Victor Moses from

zen out of next year's African Cup in Morocco, where Nigeria was expected to defend its title.

Maigari was also arrested on his return from the World Cup in Brazil and delegates at the emergency meeting said they blamed him for embarrassing Nigeria at the tournament by not resolving the bonus dispute.

Nigeria reached the second round for the first time since 1998 but had its campaign marred by the payment dispute, where players rebelled against the federation after not receiving their money for making the round of 16.

A statement from the meeting said Maigari's NFF had failed to "fully and firmly resolve issues of finance with the Super Eagles ahead of the championship."

The officials also said they want an investigation into the finances of the NFF under Maigari.

The temporary NFF administrator said Sunday that the meeting endorsing his firing was valid, opposing the stance of FIFA, which said the congress had no authority.

"Don't forget that in as much as we respect FIFA's law, we cannot jettison our own law here," said General Ogbia, a delegate at the congress.

WORLD CUP



FRANK AUGUSTIN/AP

Bastian Schweinsteiger was on the bench with a knee injury when the World Cup started, but has started the past three games and Germany coach Joachim Loew considers Schweinsteiger one of his key players as Germany takes on Brazil in the semifinals.

Schweinsteiger key for Germany's run

By NESHA STARCEVIC
The Associated Press

POROTO SEGURO, Brazil — Bastian Schweinsteiger's fragile left knee has been a matter of concern for weeks and the reason the Germany midfielder started the World Cup on the bench. Now he's healthy again just as the tournament gets into the decisive stage and Germany faces host Brazil in the semifinals.

Germany coach Joachim Loew considers Schweinsteiger one of his key players, the man who controls the pace of his team's game and sets quick transitions in motion once he wins the ball.

But Schweinsteiger was on the bench when the tournament started because he was not yet healthy after a lingering knee injury that forced him to miss of Germany's pre-World Cup training camp.

He has been in the starting lineup for the past three games, however, and said on Sunday that Loew was right to give him time to get back in shape.

"I feel very good now, I've played a lot of minutes at a high level and I can go now for more than 90 minutes, although of course I hope that it won't be necessary," Schweinsteiger said.

Loew took a gamble when he took an ailing Schweinsteiger to the 2012 European Championship. Schweinsteiger played below par and Germany lost in the semifinals. His lack of fitness was singled out as one of the reasons

Germany failed to win the title. The Germany coach had promised before the World Cup that he would take along only healthy players. But a slew of injuries to some key players, including Schweinsteiger and Sami Khedira, gave him little choice but to hope that they would recover as the tournament goes on.

"Bastian and Sami did not have their rhythm at the start. It was important for both to be fit again," assistant coach Hansi Flick said on Sunday. "We were hoping that they would get fit as the group stage progressed. We are not stubborn, we all work on a common plan and so far it has worked out sensationally."

Schweinsteiger agreed, saying he did not mind sitting on the bench despite being one of the team's leaders.

"I completely share the opinion of the coach. He made the right decision. The matches here sap a lot of energy. My mood was always good. It's not about a person, we are here to win the title, to win for Germany," he said.

The 29-year-old Bayern Munich midfielder has 106 caps and is one of Germany's most experienced players. Schweinsteiger believes this team is better than the one of 2010, when Germany lost in the semifinals to eventual champion Spain.

"We are more mature, we have more experience and we have a deep bench with more options," Schweinsteiger said

Brazil regroups without star Neymar for semifinals

Team also will be missing defender Silva for suspension

By TALES AZZONI
The Associated Press

BELO HORIZONTE, Brazil — Still coping with the loss of its biggest star, Brazil is trying to find ways to remain upbeat about its prospects at the World Cup.

The medical helicopter that took Neymar home with a back injury also carried away much of the country's hopes for a sixth world title, but the tournament isn't over yet as Brazil is set to battle Germany in the semifinals.

"We have to try to be mature in a moment like this," Brazil defender David Luiz said. "We are sad because we are missing an important player and someone who was trying to fulfill his dream of winning this title."

One of the tournament's main attractions, Neymar had been decisive for Brazil until the devastating injury late in the team's 2-1 win over Colombia in the quarterfinals on Friday. He was crucial on the field and an essential part of the group trying to win the title at home. He was seen as the joyful youngster who was admired and respected by everyone.

A meeting with the team's psychologist was scheduled with the players on Sunday to discuss the striker's absence.

"We will talk about what needs to be done to make sure the players understand that we can still win the World Cup despite of what happened," Brazil coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said.

Brazil doctor Jose Luiz Runco said the players were "shocked and saddened" when they heard Neymar would miss the rest of the World Cup.



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"It's sad because we know how hard he worked to be here with us," striker Fred said. "We know how important he was for us. But we have to look at our group and realize that it still has a lot of quality."

Everyone knows it won't be easy replacing Neymar. Brazil thrived when he played well and struggled when he didn't live up to expectations.

"It's difficult to lose a player who is so crucial to our team," veteran right back Maicon said.

It will be up to Scolari to find a replacement for the 22-year-old striker and to keep the team in contention for a sixth world title.

The team's other forwards have been struggling since the competition began and nobody else in the squad has the characteristics of the Barcelona star.

Instead of using reserve strikers Bernard or Jo, it's likely that Scolari will pick one of his midfielders to play in the match against Germany on Tuesday in Belo Horizonte. Willian, Hernanes and Ramires are the most probable options.

Making matters worse for Scolari is the fact that captain and central defender Thiago Silva will also be missing because of a yellow card suspension.

"We don't know who is going to come in, but we know that we have a lot of quality players in our squad," Silva said. "We are sad for Neymar and because I'm not going to play, but we have to be prepared despite these absences."

One way for Brazil to try to stay positive may be to look to its past.

It's not the first time Brazil's national team lost its best player to injury during the World Cup. It happened to Pele and Brazil still won the title.

"I was also injured during the 1962 World Cup in Chile and I was out for the rest of the tournament," Pele said. "But God helped Brazil continue on to win the championship."

When Pele hurt a muscle in the second match of the tournament in Chile, most in Brazil said the chances of a world title had diminished significantly. But the team won its next four matches to clinch its second consecutive trophy.

"I hope the same will happen with our Selecao as in this World Cup," Pele said.

Runco added that Neymar's absence can work in Brazil's favor.

"I think this will help make this group become stronger, it will motivate them to reach the final and win the title," the doctor said. "They will want to honor this teammate who always helped the team."



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Brazil national team members, from left, Hulk, Julio Cesar, Thiago Silva and Fred, watch other teammates train during a practice session Sunday in Teresopolis, Brazil.

AUTO RACING

No. 43 gets back into Victory Lane

Almirola wins rain-delayed Daytona to get Petty's car first win since 1999

By MARK LONG
The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — It has been more than 15 years since the iconic No. 43 drove to Victory Lane.

So waiting through two days of thunderstorms and three red flags was relatively easy for Aric Almirola and his hand-picked Petty Motorsports team.



Almirola

car back on top for the first time since 1999.

Almirola's first Cup win came on the same weekend Petty celebrated the 30th anniversary of his 200th career win. The 30-year-old Almirola was just a baby when Petty picked up that milestone victory.

"The 43 car is without a doubt the most famous car in our sport's history," Almirola said. "And to have that opportunity to drive that race car has been really special from the day that I stepped foot in it. All I wanted to do from the very first time I drove it was get it to Victory Lane. It took two and a half years I guess, but I finally did it."

Petty wasn't around for the festivities, having already left Daytona during one of the many delays. He didn't miss much considering steady rain put a slight

damper on the post-race party.

NASCAR, though, patched through the seven-time NASCAR champion nicknamed "The King" on a conference call afterward and talked about how he never lost faith despite years of struggles as a team owner.

"If you look back at the history of Petty Enterprises and all the turmoil we've been through, I never gave up on the thing," Petty said. "It was one of those deals I said, 'OK, if I keep working at it long enough, we're going to be able to overcome all of this.' Just because we won a race doesn't mean we've overcome it, don't get me wrong. But it puts in a higher speed track. You know you can do it."

"Everybody's got to have a start, and I think this will be starting it pretty good."

The Coke Zero 400 was originally scheduled to go off Saturday night, but steady rain forced it to be postponed a day. When it did finally get started Sunday, it was interrupted several more times.

There were three red flags, two of them because of huge accidents that took out most of the 43-car field and several top contenders. Jimmie Johnson, Tony Stewart, Kevin Harvick, Jamie McMurray, Carl Edwards, Kasey Kahne, Greg Biffle and Kyle Busch were among those knocked out of contention.

Biffle and Kahne started the second massive wreck, a 25-car fiasco that ended with Busch getting flipped upside-down in his No. 18 Toyota.

"It just felt like a slow carnival ride," Busch said.

The same could be said for the entire weekend at Daytona. Sprint Cup qualifying was a debacle, and then rain affected the entire,



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Aric Almirola crosses the finish line on the last lap before a rain-caused red flag at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday. The race was postponed from Saturday because of rain, which also caused three interruptions on Sunday and forced NASCAR to end the race 48 laps short of the scheduled distance.

four-day event at NASCAR's most famous track.

Sunday's race topped it all, with just seven cars avoiding both crashes.

Not surprisingly, Almirola was among them.

He became the first Cup driver other than Petty to win in the legendary No. 43 at Daytona. The previous time the 43 won was with John Andretti behind the wheel at Martinsville in 1999. So Petty's renowned car went 543 races without a victory.

Almirola got out of his car and watched the radar with crewmembers during the final red flag, a 56-minute wait that had most drivers believing the race would resume. But when heavy rain soaked parts of the track, officials called it for good with 48 laps remaining.

"I was doing a lot of hardcore praying, hoping the good Lord would open the skies up and let it rain," Almirola said. "If we would have went back racing, I still think we had enough car to go there."

"I don't think this was handed to us by any means. Let me be very clear about that. ... Those last two restarts, Kurt Busch and Austin Dillon and Brian Vickers, they didn't just let me go. They

saw the rain coming, too, and we were all racing for it."

Vickers finished second, followed by Kurt Busch, Casey Mears and rookie Austin Dillon. Danica Patrick was eighth despite a late pit-road mistake, and reigning Daytona 500 champion Dale Earnhardt Jr. was 14th.

Almirola became the 11th driver to win this season as they jockey for one of the 16 spots in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship.

In his third full season driving for Petty, Almirola went into Daytona with just four career top-five finishes and had never finished higher than 18th in the standings.

But he and teammate Marcos Ambrose have slowly been inching RPM back toward the front, and Almirola had his previous career-best finish of third earlier this season at Bristol.

Many other drivers left Daytona scratching their heads over the decision to not wait out the rain like they had so many other times this weekend.

"It seems early to call a race," Kurt Busch said. "Maybe we could have run later on today and still finished and everybody could have gone back home and to work on Monday."

Montoya ends Indy drought

By DAN GELSTON
The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Juan Pablo Montoya noticed the Colombian fans waving flags and wildly cheering for him as he zipped toward the checkered flag. Moments after celebrating, Montoya ducked his way through the crowd waiting at Victory Lane and headed toward the grandstands to sign autographs and pose for pictures. "I had to say thanks for coming," he said.

Montoya saved his deepest gratitude for car owner Roger Penske.

Montoya won the IndyCar race Sunday at Pocono Raceway, the highlight of a triumphant return to open-wheel racing after seven years in NASCAR.

Up ahead, a serious run at the IndyCar championship.

"I think people know I'm coming," Montoya said.

Montoya won for the first time in the CART/IndyCar Series since 2000 and had his first major victory since he won a road-course race at Watkins Glen in NASCAR in 2010.

Helio Castroneves was second to make it a 1-2 finish Sunday for Team Penske. With double points awarded in the 500-mile races, Castroneves moved into a tie for the points lead with Team Penske teammate Will Power.

Team Penske did face some roadblocks that could lead to some interesting conversations this week at the shop. Power was hit with a blocking penalty on Castroneves late in the race and had to serve a drive-through penalty, costing him a shot at racing for the win. He finished 10th.

Carlos Munoz, Ryan Briscoe and Scott Dixon completed the top five.

Montoya, who won from the pole, took the lead for good when Tony Kanaan was forced to pit for fuel with four laps left. Montoya took it from there and continued to stamp himself a player in the championship hunt. He moved to fourth in the standings.

Montoya, the 1999 CART champion and 2000 Indianapolis 500 winner took the checkered flag to the delight of hundreds of Colombian fans waving the flag and cheering him on.

It was just the kind of scene he pictured when he decided to head home to open wheel. Montoya wanted a competitive ride again after lackluster results driving for Chip Ganassi in NASCAR. He knew his open wheel return would have a learning curve: Montoya last ran in CART in 2000, then left Formula One midway through the 2006 season for NASCAR.



Montoya



JOE BURBANK, ORLANDO SENTINEL/MCT

Much of the field tangles in a massive crash on Turn 3 during the rain-delayed Coke Zero 400 at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday. Only seven cars were able to avoid the two massive crashes during the shortened race.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Phelps, Lochte set to compete in GA meet

The Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Michael Phelps and Ryan Lochte will resume their comebacks during a special meet at the University of Georgia this week.

The Bulldog Grand Slam will feature some of the top teams in the country, including Phelps' North Baltimore Aquatic Club and Lochte's SwimMAC Carolina team based in Charlotte.

Phelps, who has captured a record 18 Olympic gold medals in his career, will be competing for the fourth time since coming out of retirement. Lochte is set to return to racing after having complications with his surgically repaired left knee.

The meet, hosted by the Athens Bulldog Swim Club at Gabrielsen Natatorium, was hastily arranged in the past few months to give the top U.S. swimmers a chance to take part in another event this summer before the two more important competitions of the year. The national championships will be held in Irvine, California, from Aug. 6-10, followed two weeks later by the Pan Pacific Championships in Australia.

Those meets will determine the U.S. team for next year's world championships in Russia.

Phelps is scheduled to compete in the 100-meter butterfly Friday, the 100 backstroke Saturday, and the 100 freestyle Sunday. Lochte has entered the same three events, but with as few other races. But it is doubtful the 11-time Olympic medalist will compete in them all coming off knee surgery late last year, especially after his initial comeback was derailed by pain and swelling.

The Athens meet will be an important test of how well Lochte's knee holds up, especially if he does the breaststroke. He has entered the 200 individual medley, which includes the breast.

LeBron to meet with Heat before decision

MIAMI — Before LeBron James makes his next decision, Pat Riley will get a chance to convince him to stay in Miami.

Two people familiar with the situation told The Associated Press



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Michael Phelps, left, and Ryan Lochte will continue their comebacks in hopes of making going to the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil at the Bulldog Grand Slam this week in Athens, Ga.

late Sunday night that James will meet with the Heat president this week before making a decision about where to play next season.

The news of the planned Riley-James meeting came toward the end of a wild Sunday, sparked by news that one of Cleveland Cavaliers owner Dan Gilbert's private jets was heading to South Florida. The plane did land at an airport in Fort Lauderdale around 6:40 p.m., albeit at a different facility than the flight plan indicated, for reasons that were not made clear. It stayed for about 3½ hours, but it was unknown who was on the plane.

In other NBA news:

■ A jurisdictional issue delayed Monday's scheduled start of a trial focusing on whether Donald Sterling's estranged wife had the authority under terms of a family trust to unilaterally negotiate a \$2 billion sale of the Los Angeles Clippers.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas delayed the start of the trial while Donald Sterling's lawyers sought to find a

federal judge to decide whether to take the case.

■ The New York Knicks have hired Kurt Rambis as associate head coach, reuniting him with former Laker and head coach Derek Fisher. Rambis was part of eight NBA title teams with the Lakers, either as a player, assistant coach or adviser/assistant general manager.

Kittel wins third stage of Tour de France

LONDON — Germany's Marcel Kittel showed he may be the sprinter to beat at the Tour de France, speeding to his second stage win this year in Stage 3 on Monday as cycling's big event ended in London before leaving England for France.

Rain doused riders at the end of the 96-mile ride from the university town of Cambridge to a dramatic finish past landmarks like Big Ben and Westminster.

The top American finisher was 42. Tejay van Garderen, who was 42nd, followed by Andrew Talan-

sky (49th), Christopher Horner (73rd), Peter Stetina (120th), Matthew Busche (137th), Danny Pate (146th), Benjamin King (168th), Alex Howes (176th) and Edward King (195th).

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali retained the overall leader's yellow jersey with a 2-second lead on the most likely contenders to win the three-week race in Paris on July 27. Van Garderen is 11th overall, 2 seconds off the lead.

Cabrera wins PGA Greenbrier Classic

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Angel Cabrera won the Greenbrier Classic on Sunday for his first non-major victory on the PGA Tour, closing with the second straight 6-under 64 for a two-stroke victory over George McNeill.

Cabrera, the 44-year-old Argentine whose only other PGA Tour victories came in the 2007 U.S. Open and 2009 Masters, built a three-shot lead before making things interesting with a pair of late bogeys. He finished at

16-under 264 at Old White TPC.

McNeill shot a season-best 61 for his fourth top-10 of the season and first since mid-March.

In other golf news:

■ **PGA Europe:** Graeme McDowell rallied to successfully defend his French Open title, overcoming an eight-stroke deficit in rainy conditions for a one-shot victory in Saint-Quentin-En-Yvelines, France.

Magee's goal gives Fire draw with Sporting KC

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Mike Magee scored in the 40th minute to give the Chicago Fire a 1-1 draw with Sporting Kansas City on Sunday.

Sporting failed to clear a loose ball in its own end and Chicago midfielder Alex collected it and found Magee on the left flank. Magee settled the pass and calmly beat goalkeeper Eric Kronberg for his fifth goal of the season.

Chicago goalkeeper Sean Johnson made two saves against C.J. Sapong in the 91st minute to preserve the draw.

In the 34th minute, Dom Dwyer took the ball from Patrick Yanni at the top of the box, deked Johnny with a head fake to the right scored with a left-foot shot to give Kansas City (7-5-5) the lead.

Djokovic replaces Nadal at No. 1 in rankings

LONDON — Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic replaced Rafael Nadal at No. 1 in the ATP rankings Monday, while Roger Federer rose one spot to No. 3.

"It means a lot to this stage of my career," said Djokovic, who was last in the top spot nine months ago.

In the WTA rankings, Petra Kvitová's second Wimbledon title allowed her to improve two places to No. 4. The woman she beat 6-3, 6-0 in Saturday's final, 20-year-old Eugenie Bouchard, reached the top 10 for the first time on July 7.

The top three places did not change, with Serena Williams at No. 1, Li Na at No. 2, and Simona Halep at No. 3.

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MLB SCOREBOARD

American League

	East Division	Pct	GB
Baltimore	48	40	545
Toronto	47	43	522
New York	44	43	506
Tampa Bay	41	50	451
Boston	39	49	443
Central Division			
Detroit	45	42	565
Kansas City	44	46	517
Minnesota	44	46	494
Chicago	42	47	472
Chicago	42	47	448
West Division			
Oakland	55	33	625
Los Angeles	48	36	586
Seattle	48	40	545
New York	45	43	443
Houston	36	54	400

National League

	East Division	Pct	GB
Atlanta	48	39	552
Washington	48	39	552
Miami	43	45	489
New York	42	49	443
Philadelphia	37	51	420
Central Division			
Milwaukee	52	37	584
Pittsburgh	47	42	528
St. Louis	47	42	528
Cincinnati	45	42	517
Chicago	38	48	442
West Division			
Los Angeles	51	30	560
San Francisco	49	39	557
San Diego	48	38	566
Colorado	37	52	416
Arizona	37	53	411

Sunday's Games

Cleveland 4, Kansas City 1
Washington 2, Texas 4
Baltimore 7, Boston 6, 12 innings
NY Yankees 9, Minnesota 4
Chicago White Sox 1, Seattle 0
L.A. Angels 6, Houston 1
Cincinnati 4, Milwaukee 2
Tampa Bay 7, Detroit 3
Cincinnati 4, Chicago 12
Arizona 3, Atlanta 1
Pittsburgh 6, Philadelphia 2
Miami 8, St. Louis 4
Houston 2, Colorado 2
San Francisco 5, San Diego 3

Monday's Games

Baltimore at Washington
Houston at Texas
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Tampa Bay
New York Yankees at Los Angeles
San Francisco at Oakland
Toronto at New York
Minnesota at Seattle
Pittsburgh at New York
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at Milwaukee
Cleveland at St. Louis
San Diego at Colorado

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (W) Chen 6-3 at Washington (F) Teter 2-1
NY Yankees (Tanaka 12-3) at Cleveland (Bumgarner 2-4)
L.A. Dodgers (Ryu 9-4) at Detroit (Verlander 10-4)
Chicago White Sox (Johndanks 7-6) at Boston (Lynch 10-4)
Chicago Cubs (Vargas 8-3) at Tampa Bay (Hellickson 0-6)
Houston (Fenwick 2-5) at Texas (N Martinez 1-6)
San Francisco (Bumgarner 9-6) at Oakland (Gray 8-3)
Detroit (Fenwick 6-6) at L.A. Angels (Skaggs 4-4)
Cincinnati (Pughes 8-5) at Seattle (C Martinez 3-2)
Pittsburgh (Worley 2-1) at St. Louis (C Martinez 3-2)
San Francisco (Ross 7-8) at Colorado (Morales 4-4)
Atlanta (Teheran 8-5) at N.Y. Mets (de Grom 9-4)
Chicago Cubs (Wada 0-4) at Cincinnati (Henderson 9-4)
Philadelphia (Kendrick 3-8) at Milwaukee (Werth 9-4)

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Friday's Games

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Philadelphia (Kendrick 3-8) at Milwaukee (Werth 9-4)

Saturday's Games

Philadelphia (Kendrick 3-8) at Milwaukee (Werth 9-4)
San Francisco (Ross 7-8) at Colorado (Morales 4-4)
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Rays 7, Tigers 3

	Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Djings of	5	2	3	2	3	4	1
Zobrist ss	5	2	4	1	1	2	0
Joyce 1b	5	2	4	1	1	2	0
Longbor 3b	5	0	1	1	1	2	1
Trinity 2b	5	0	1	1	1	2	1
Forsyth 2b	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shirps dh	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jmolini 1b	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kiemer rf	5	1	0	1	1	2	0
Tampa Bay	44	7	13	7	3	2	0
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Tampa Bay	100	003	007	000	010	010	010

Cardinals 18, Mariners 5

	Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Price lf	5	2	3	3	0	0	1
McGee S-5.6	5	2	3	3	0	0	1
Detroit							
Porcello L11.5	5	1	7	7	1	2	2
Krol	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cash	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Albuquerque	1	1	2	0	0	0	2
Nathan	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Krol pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.							
WP—Nathan. T—31.2, A—31.917 (41.681).							

White Sox 1, Mariners 0

	Chicago	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Encziff	4	0	1	0	0	1	3
Mdsrfr 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Can 2b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seagr 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Y. Myers 9	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buck 4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acley lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Miller lf	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
De Viedo rf	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mac 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	100	000	000	000	000	000	000
Tampa Bay	100	000	000	000	000	000	000

Orioles 7, Red Sox 6 (12)

	Baltimore	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Markis rf	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Pearce lf	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Quinn 1b	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
N Cruz dh	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Ortiz 2b	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
D Wong if	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Chap 3b	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Flaherty 2b	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Mac 3b	6	1	1	1	1	0	0
Cleopsh C	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Chicago	40	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore	48	7	15	6	2	0	0
Baltimore	100	000	000	000	000	000	000
Baltimore	100	000	000	000	000	000	000

Athletics 4, Blue Jays 2

	Toronto	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Reyes ss	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Harmon 1b	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Stiffen ph	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
McCarff 4	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Baust 1b	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
Lind dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ortiz dh	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cirms of	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jrncs 3b	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Houston 2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thole C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phillips C	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	31	2	5	2	0	0	0
Oakland	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakland	100	000	000	000	000	000	000
Oakland	100	000	000	000	000	000	000

Yankees 9, Twins 7

	New York	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Gardner lf	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Dozier 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nunes 3b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elbury of	5	2	2	4	1	0	0
Taylor 1b	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
Archer 2b	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
Beltran dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kozak 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suzuki rf	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Klunen 3b	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Phillips 1b	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Chicago	38	9	14	8	3	0	0
Minnesota	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	100	000	000	000	000	000	000
Minnesota	100	000	000	000	000	000	000

Cardinals 18, Mariners 5

	Tampa Bay	IP	H	R	E	BB	SO
Price lf	5	2	3	3	0	0	1
McGee S-5.6	5	2	3	3	0	0	1
Detroit							
Porcello L11.5	5	1	7	7	1	2	2
Krol	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cash	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Albuquerque	1	1	2	0	0	0	2
Nathan	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Krol pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.							
WP—Nathan. T—31.2, A—31.917 (41.681).							

Rays 7, Tigers 3

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Dozier 2b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nunes 3b	3	1	0	0	0	0	0
Elbury of	5	2	2	4	1	0	0
Taylor 1b	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
Archer 2b	5	2	1	1	1	0	0
Beltran dh	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kozak 3b	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suzuki rf	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Klunen 3b	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Phillips 1b	4	2	3	0	0	0	0
Chicago	38	9	14	8	3	0	0
Minnesota	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	100	000	000	000	000	000	000
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Cardinals 18, Mariners 5

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Cardinals 18, Mariners 5

Cardinals reliever **Jason Motte** reacts after giving up a home run to the Marlins' **Salvador Martinez** in the 6th inning Sunday in St. Petersburg. The Marlins won 8-4.

MLB

Pirates get 1st sweep of season

By NATE BARNES
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Jeff Locke spent a lot of time with A.J. Burnett last year, and then faced his mentor in a pitching matchup in Pittsburgh.

Locke got the best of Burnett on Sunday in Pittsburgh's 6-2 victory that finished off a three-game sweep of the Philadelphia Phillies.

"It didn't even feel like we were playing a Major League Baseball game," Locke said. "We spoke really briefly before we got in the bullpen, just told each other to have fun today, go get 'em. Pound down."

Locke gave up just three hits and a walk in eight innings, and the Pirates completed their first sweep of the season. Pittsburgh had failed to finish a sweep in eight previous tries this season.

Philadelphia was swept for the eighth time.

"I didn't know we didn't have a sweep all season," Locke said. "It feels good, especially a team like those guys over there. Especially when (Marlon) Byrd and A.J. come back again."

The Pirates (47-41) moved a season-high six games over .500, while the Phillies (37-51) fell a season-high 14 games below .500.

Locke (2-1) gave up two runs — one earned — and struck out four. He has made six straight quality starts since being recalled from Triple-A Indianapolis.

The left-hander worked mostly off of his fastball and changeup in an outing his manager Clint Hurdle called "fantastic."

Burnett (5-8) gave up three runs and five hits, walked two and struck out seven in seven innings in his return to Pittsburgh. The Pirates played a "Thank You A.J." video on the scoreboard when Burnett took the mound in the first inning.

"The video caught me by surprise," Burnett said. "I don't know what to say about it. It was very moving. It was very unexpected."



GENE J. PUSKAS/AP

The Pirates' Andrew McCutchen sits on third base after hitting a triple off Philadelphia Phillies relief pitcher Justin De Fratus during the eighth inning Sunday's game in Pittsburgh. The Pirates won 6-2.



MARK J. TERRILL/AP

Los Angeles Angels relief pitcher Mike Morin, right, dives to catch a ball hit by the Houston Astros' Jon Singleton after catcher Hank Conger, second from right, collided with first baseman C.J. Cron, left, as third baseman John McDonald looks on during the eighth inning of Sunday's game in Anaheim, Calif.

Roundup

Richards, Angels handle Astros

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California — Garrett Richards won his sixth division in seven starts, striking out a career-high 11 to lead surging Los Angeles past Houston 6-1 to a four-game sweep and its 10th straight home win.

Albert Pujols drove in the Angels' first two runs with a bases-loaded single and Kole Calhoun homered, helping them go 15 games over .500 for the first time since ending the 2012 season at 89-73. The Halos swept a four-game set at home for the first time since July 2011 and are 21-3 at the "Big A" since May 17 — their best 24-game stretch at home in franchise history.

Richards (10-2) allowed six hits over 7½ innings, including an RBI single by Carlos Corporan in the seventh.

Rays 7, Tigers 3: All-Star David Price came within an out of a complete game in helping visiting Tampa Bay climb out of last place in the AL East.

The Rays have won three straight and eight of nine to move a half-game ahead of defending champion Boston in the standings. Tampa Bay had sole possession of the cellar for 39 consecutive days.

Price (8-7) received his fourth All-Star selection before the game, and he allowed three runs and seven hits before being pulled amid rain, thunder and lightning with two outs in the ninth.

Yankees 9, Twins 7: Jacoby Ellsbury homered, doubled and drove in four runs as New York took a huge lead then held off host Minnesota.

Down 9-0 in the fourth inning, the Twins began rallying and eventually brought the potential winning run to the plate with two outs in the ninth. Kunt Suzuki grounded out with runners at the corners to end it.

Derek Jeter and Ichiro Suzuki each had

three hits for the Yankees, who have won 14 of 18 overall at Target Field.

Giants 5, Padres 3: Tim Lincecum continued his mastery of San Diego, taking a shutout into the seventh inning against the Padres 11 days after he no-hit them, as visiting San Francisco won two straight to win only its second series in nearly a month.

Lincecum (8-5) extended his scoreless streak to 23½ innings before Brooks Conrad hit a solo homer in the seventh to knock him out of the game.

The two-time Cy Young Award winner allowed one run on three hits, walked four and struck out six. Lincecum has won all three starts this season against San Diego and improved his mark to 16-6 in 29 career starts.

Nationals 2, Cubs 1: Ryan Zimmerman's eighth inning single drove in the go-ahead run for surging host Washington.

Nationals starter Jordan Zimmermann outduelled Jake Arrieta over six innings and left with a 1-0 lead. The Cubs tied it in the seventh on Starlin Castro's sacrifice fly against Drew Storen.

Denard Span's hustle turned a soft hit to right field off Pedro Strop (1-4) into a double leading off the eighth. Two outs later, the Cubs intentionally walked Adam LaRoche to bring up Zimmerman, who ripped a single to left that scored Span.

Indians 4, Royals 1: Corey Kluber allowed four hits and struck out 10 in 8½ innings, as Carlos Santana and Yan Gomes homered for host Cleveland.

Both of Cleveland's home runs came off Danny Duffy (5-8) in the second. Santana led off the inning with a line drive that barely cleared the fence in right. Gomes followed with a two-run homer to center.

Dodgers 8, Rockies 2: Matt Kemp had four hits and drove in two runs. Adrian Gonzalez had three RBIs as visiting Los

Angeles won three of four in the series.

Juan Uribe added three hits for the Dodgers, who lead the NL West by a half-game over San Francisco.

Mets 8, Rangers 4: Zack Wheeler breezed into the seventh inning and Anthony Recker hit a three-run homer in a five-run first as host New York beat Texas for a series win.

Lucas Duda had an RBI double and Juan Lagares a run-scoring single in the Mets' biggest opening inning of the season, with all the runs scoring with two outs.

Marlins 8, Cardinals 4: Henderson Alvarez worked seven stingy innings and started the key rally with the first of his career-best three hits, helping visiting Miami take two of three from its spring training partners.

The Marlins have won a franchise-record 10 straight games started by Alvarez (6-3), and they easily took the series finale despite stranding 14 runners. Alvarez is 4-0 with a 1.04 ERA during that stretch, allowing no more than two runs in any outing.

White Sox 1, Mariners 0: Hector Noesi pitched five-hit ball into the seventh inning for his first win in a month, leading host-Chicago over Seattle.

Noesi (3-6) struck out five and walked two in 6½ innings, a crisp performance against one of his former teams. The right-hander pitched for Seattle for parts of three seasons before he was cut in April.

Reds 4, Brewers 2: Jay Bruce emerged from the deepest slump of his career — 0 for 26 — with a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning that rallied Cincinnati over visiting Milwaukee.

The Reds gained a game on the NL Central leaders by taking two of three in their series, moving to six back. Cincinnati has won 10 of 15 overall.

MLB

Samardzija wins debut as A's sweep Jays

By MICHAEL WAGAMAN
The Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jeff Samardzija arrived at the ballpark nearly five hours before making his first start with his new ballclub.

The right-hander left having secured a four-game sweep for Oakland with a performance that showed exactly why the Athletics were so eager to get him in a trade with the Chicago Cubs.

Samardzija pitched seven strong innings to win his Oakland debut and the A's beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-2 on Sunday.

"First impressions are always important," said Samardzija after lowering his overall ERA to 2.74.

"Like I said yesterday, they didn't need me here. They were doing just fine without me. I don't want to come in and change anything and change the atmosphere. I just want to come in and add and do my part," he said.

He did just that, giving up four hits and one run with five strikeouts and one walk while earning his first win since June 7.

With the Cubs, Samardzija was 2-7 despite a 2.83 ERA. He was voted to the NL All-Star team but won't pitch and will spend the game in the AL dugout.

"He was excited as you could be," Oakland manager Bob Melvin said. "It was great to get him off to a good start like that. Terrific performance."

Samardzija, acquired a day earlier, got several standing ovations. He was cheered during pregame warmups and again after striking out the side in the seventh.

The veteran pitcher was equally excited

after receiving some early run support, something that was scarce in Chicago. The Cubs scored two runs or fewer in 11 of his 17 starts in the NL this season.

Oakland had no such issue.

Jed Lowrie had two hits and scored twice, and leadoff hitter John Jaso added a pair of hits and an RBI for the A's, who won their fourth straight after getting swept in three games at Detroit.

Stephen Vogt singled and tripled to help the A's complete their first series sweep of the Blue Jays since taking a three-game series in 2000. Oakland hadn't swept a four-game series from Toronto since May 22-24, 1981.

"It was beautiful, man. That was awesome. Just getting one early run as a pitcher is the best thing ever."

Jeff Samardzija
Oakland Athletics pitcher

on base so be it. And the way [the A's] take at-bats is outstanding."

Nate Freiman and Craig Gentry also drove in runs for the A's.

Lowrie doubled and scored in the second, then Oakland added two more in the fourth to extend their majors-leading record to 55-33.

Pinch-hitter Derek Norris added an RBI double in the eighth for Oakland.

Steve Tolleson had a pinch-hit home run off A's closer Sean Doolittle in the ninth for the Blue Jays, who have lost six straight on the road. Doolittle got his 13th save.

Toronto got a stellar outing from starter Drew Hutchison but for the fourth straight game had little success offensively. The Blue Jays went 0-for-18 with runners in scoring position during the series.



BEN MARCOT/AP

Newly acquired pitcher Jeff Samardzija allowed one run on four hits in his first start with Oakland. The Athletics beat the Blue Jays 4-2 on Sunday in Oakland, Calif.

Diamondbacks end Braves' streak at 9

By CHARLES ODUM
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Paul Goldschmidt doesn't often stand and stare at his homers. This time he had to look, just to make sure his drive stayed fair.

He liked what he saw.

Wade Miley earned his first win as Sunday May. Goldschmidt hit a two-run homer and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat Atlanta 3-1 on Sunday to end the Braves' nine-game winning streak.

Goldschmidt ripped an inside pitch from Alex Wood toward the left-field seats in the third inning. He said he immediately figured it had home run distance. He was just hoping the ball would stay fair, and it hit the left pole for his 16th homer.

"I wasn't sure," Goldschmidt said. "I knew it probably had the distance but it started fair and was going, so that was one of the few times I was watching to see what was going to happen. I saw it hit the pole and come down. I was pretty happy."

Miley (6-6) allowed one run on five hits and one walk in 6½ in-

nings. He struck out eight. The left-hander was 0-3 in his previous nine starts and had not won since beating the White Sox on May 10. The win snapped his streak of five straight no-decisions.

Miley shrugged when asked if he was relieved to finally get his fourth win.

"You really can't control that," he said. "You've just got to go out and try to give your team a chance to win. That's the plan. You don't go out to try to get wins, you just try to get quality innings and get your offense on the field and we were able to do that and able to score enough runs today."

Wood (6-7) allowed two runs on only three hits and three walks in seven innings.

B.J. Upton was 0-for-4 with three strikeouts to end his career-best 11-game hitting streak for NL East-leading Atlanta. The loss kept the Braves from sweeping their third straight series.

"We had a great run, had a great homestand," manager Fredi Gonzalez said.

Pinch-hitter Nick Evans' run-scoring double off Luis Avilan in the ninth pushed Arizona's lead



CURTIS COMPTON/AP

Arizona Diamondbacks first baseman Paul Goldschmidt hits a two-run homer against the Atlanta Braves in the third inning on Sunday in Atlanta.

to two. Evans drove in Martin Prado, who singled off Anthony Varvaro and stole second base.

Addison Reed gave up a leadoff single to Tammy La Stella in the ninth before striking out Christian Bethancourt.

Goldschmidt, who had an infield single in the first, had two of Arizona's three hits off Wood.

"That's baseball for you," Wood said. "You go into the game telling yourself that there's one guy you don't want to let beat you and then he ends up beating you."

Orioles blow 5-run lead, but beat Red Sox in 12

By JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Buck Showalter's bullpen had been depleted and Baltimore's five-run lead had disappeared. Then, as they started their 30th inning in a 30-hour span, the AL East-leading Orioles pulled out another victory.

"That's the kind of game that the good teams win," Showalter said after the Orioles beat Boston 7-6 in 12 innings Sunday. "It's so easy to say, 'Boy, it wasn't meant to be today,' instead of making it happen."

A day after a day-night doubleheader that already taxed his pitching staff, Showalter watched his bullpen give up five runs in the seventh to force extra innings. In the 12th, David Lough hit a leadoff triple and scored on J.J. Hardy's single to give Baltimore its sixth win in seven games.

"A leadoff triple like that, especially in the 12th inning, it's good to see," said Brad Brach, who earned the victory with three innings of scoreless relief. "I was definitely relieved."

Brach (4-0) allowed one hit and one walk after striking out four, and Zach Britton got the last three

outs for his 14th save. Showalter said first baseman Chris Davis, who has one pitching appearance in his career, was next if the Orioles hadn't scored in the top of the 12th.

"I have been out of it for like 2½ hours," Orioles starter Kevin Gausman said. "Just walking around, chugging water, trying to get something going — anything I could do to get us to score some runs."

Edward Mujica (2-4) worked a scoreless 11th before Lough lined a triple to the center field wall leading off the 12th. The next batter, Hardy, bounced one through the left side of the infield to give the Orioles the lead.

Hardy and Nelson Cruz each had three hits for Baltimore. Cruz had five hits Saturday in the second game of a day-night doubleheader and hit safely in seven straight at-bats before flying out in the fifth.

David Ortiz had four hits and Dustin Pedroia added three for Boston, which trailed 6-1 before scoring five runs in the seventh to tie it. Ortiz lined the ball to the left-field corner with one out in the 12th, but Lough threw him out trying to stretch it into a double.

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Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Clayton Kershaw will likely start on the mound for the National League in the All-Star Game on July 15.

Briefly

All-Star pitchers imposing group

The Associated Press

The starting pitching matchup at the All-Star Game—whatever it ends up being—could be one of the ages.

Seattle's Felix Hernandez looks like the front-runner in the American League, with a 10-2 record and a 2.11 ERA. Meanwhile, National League manager Mike Matheny of St. Louis could end up choosing between Los Angeles ace Clayton Kershaw (10-2, 1.85) and Cardinals star Adam Wainwright (11-4, 1.89) for the start.

The last time both All-Star starters had ERAs under 2.15 was back in 1974, according to STATS. Gaylord Perry (1.47 ERA at the break) took the mound for the AL against Andy Messersmith (2.11) of the NL.

Of course, that game wasn't exactly a pitching duel. The NL won 7-2. Messersmith and Perry both went three innings, with Messersmith allowing two runs and Perry one. They both did go on to reach 20 wins that year.

New York Yankees sensation Masahiro Tanaka, another pitcher being mentioned as a possible starter in 2014, is expected to go in his team's final game before the break, which would rule him out.

Wainwright is supposed to pitch Saturday, but he says participating in the July 15 All-Star Game shouldn't disrupt his schedule too much.

"It's the All-Star Game," Wainwright said. "Vacation, right? Except it means something."

In other MLB news:

■ The Yankees acquired help for their depleted rotation on Sunday by acquiring right-hander Brandon McCarthy from Arizona.

The Diamondbacks also are sending New York cash in the deal for left-hander Vidal Nuno.

McCarthy, who turns 31 on Monday, was 3-10 with a 5.01 ERA with Arizona this season. In nine seasons with the White Sox, Rangers, A's and Diamondbacks, McCarthy is 45-60 with a 4.21 ERA.

The Yankees also called up right-hander Bruce Billings from Triple-A Scranton/Wilkes-Barre. Outfielder Alfonso Soriano was designated for assignment.

■ Former pitcher Jim Brosnan, known as much for writing about life in baseball as helping the Cincinnati Reds reach the 1961 World Series, has died. He was 84.

The Sinkins Funeral Home said he died June 28.

Brosnan played nine seasons in the majors, going 55-47 with 67 saves for the Reds, Cubs, Cardinals and White Sox. In 1961, he was 10-4 with 16 saves, then pitched three times in the Reds' five-game loss to the Yankees in the World Series.

The right-hander had already drawn plenty of attention around baseball for his 1960 book "The Long Season." He gave a look inside the locker room, a fore-runner of Jim Bouton's controversial "Ball Four" a decade later.

Brosnan's book was popular with fans, but rankled some fellow players.

Game: A's Samardzija will miss out

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The 29-year-old right-hander, who was 2-7 with a 2.83 ERA and 103 strikeouts for the Cubs, won his American League debut Sunday when he allowed one run in seven innings for a 4-2 victory over Toronto. He will be introduced with the NL players before the All-Star game; still to be decided is whether he wears a Cubs or A's uniform—or a generic NL jersey.

"I won't get to pitch, which is a bummer, but that's all right," Samardzija said. "I'll just go through whatever ceremonies they have and just jump over to the AL dugout with an NL jersey on and have some fun with the six other dudes we have over there, which is exciting."

Oakland, with the best record in the majors, has its most All-Stars since 1975: left-handers Sean Doolittle and Scott Kazmir; catcher Derek Norris; first baseman Brandon Moss; third baseman Josh Donaldson; and outfielder Yoenis Cespedes.

"It's really cool," A's manager Bob Melvin said. "We were hoping for something like this."

Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, playing his 20th and final season, was chosen for his 14th All-Star team and will start for the ninth time. He gets reunited with Seattle second baseman Robinson Cano, his former double-play partner in New York.

Mariano Rivera, the retiring Yankees reliever, was the center of attention at last year's All-Star game when the Mets hosted at Citi Field. Jeter could be in the spotlight this year.

"All-Star Game was in New York last year. It's a little bit different," Jeter said. "I don't go into it with any expectations. Just trying to enjoy myself and have fun with whoever is here."

Among the big names bypassed entirely were slugger David Ortiz and closer Koji Uehara from World Series champion Boston, San Francisco catcher Buster Posey, and Dodgers pitcher Josh Beckett.

"I had a chance to talk with David, and he felt the four days of rest might be more advantageous to him," said Boston skipper John Farrell, the AL manager. "He was a pro about it. He spoke his



ALEX BRANDON/AP

The Rockies' Troy Tulowitzki was the top vote-getter in the National League and will start at shortstop in his fourth All-Star appearance.

mind and had a lot of input in the decisions."

Also elected by fans to start for the AL were Detroit first baseman Miguel Cabrera, Donaldson, and outfielders Jose Bautista of Toronto, Adam Jones of Baltimore and Mike Trout of the Los Angeles Angels.

Baltimore's Matt Wieters, sidelined by season-ending elbow surgery on June 17, will be replaced at catcher by Kansas City's Salvador Perez.

Orioles bopper Nelson Cruz, tied for the major league home run lead with 27, was voted in by fans at designated hitter after serving a 50-game suspension last year for violating baseball's drug agreement.

Elected to the NL starting lineup were Arizona first baseman Paul Goldschmidt, Philadelphia second baseman Chase Utley, Colorado shortstop Troy Tulowitzki,

Milwaukee third baseman Aramis Ramirez and St. Louis catcher Yadier Molina along with outfielders Carlos Gomez of Milwaukee, Andrew McCutchen of Pittsburgh and Yasiel Puig of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Yankees pitcher Masahiro Tanaka and Chicago White Sox first baseman Jose Abreu, a pair of rookies off to superlative starts, were among 26 first-time All-Stars and 24 foreign-born players.

Tanaka and setup man Dellin Betances are the first Yankees rookie pitchers to be picked as All-Stars since Spec Shea in 1947.

Surprise selections included Pittsburgh utilityman Josh Harrison and left-hander Tony Watson, and St. Louis reliever Pat Neshek, who is from Minnesota and began his career with the hometown Twins.

"I shook head my head for a while. I couldn't believe it," Neshek said, his voice cracking with emotion. "It's awesome to be rewarded like that and to get the chance to play against the best."

Milwaukee closer Francisco Rodriguez made his fifth All-Star team, his first since 2009.

Bautista, at 5.68 million, received the most votes for the second time in four years. Tulowitzki topped the NL at 5.35 million.

Other players omitted despite strong credentials were Cincinnati pitcher Alfredo Simon, Seattle third baseman Kyle Seager and San Diego closer Huston Street, who had converted 23 consecutive save chances before allowing a tying home run in the ninth Saturday.

Milwaukee outfielder Ryan Braun and Toronto outfielder Melky Cabrera, who like Cruz served lengthy drug-related suspensions, also were left out.



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The Tigers' Miguel Cabrera was an easy choice for voters as American League starter at first base. It will be the ninth All-Star appearance for the two-time defending AL MVP.



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One more for the road

Jeter to start at shortstop in 14th, and final, All-Star Game appearance

By RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK

The trade that put Jeff Samardzija on a postseason contender cost him a chance to pitch in his first All-Star Game.

A day after Samardzija was dealt from the Chicago Cubs to Oakland, a big league-high six Athletics were picked Sunday for the game at Target Field in Minnesota on July 15.

That doesn't include Samardzija, selected as a National League All-Star. Major League Baseball said he is ineligible to play because of the league switch.

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Where's Samardzija?

Despite being voted to his first All-Star Game, Oakland Athletics pitcher Jeff Samardzija will be ineligible to pitch after being traded from the NL cellar-dwelling Chicago Cubs to AL-leading Oakland last week. He will still be introduced with the NL players.



AP photos

Top vote-getter:
Jose Bautista, Toronto OF
5.68 million votes

THE Snub list



David Ortiz, DH
Boston's charismatic slugger and defending World Series MVP was denied his tenth All-Star appearance. Ortiz has 19 HRs and 55 RBIs this season with a .261 average.

Buster Posey, C
San Francisco's catcher has been great this year, batting .286 with 81 hits, nine HRs, and 41 RBIs. He has a .994 fielding percentage with only three passed balls.



Josh Beckett, P
The Dodgers' 34-year old two-time Cy Young award winner threw a no-hitter on May 25 vs. the Phillies, and is fourth in the majors with a 2.26 ERA. He is a three-time All-Star.

